



Clarke cuts deep to fund lower taxes

Savings drive prunes roads and housing

George Young, the Transport David Hencke, Larry Elliott and Michael White

Gillian Shephard, the Edu-cation Secretary, and Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, HE Chancellor. enneth Clarke, will launch a will receive more money for crackdown on schools and bospitals. But benefit fraud as some education authorities will receive less because the

the centrepiece of a £2 billion package of spend-ing cuts in Tuesday's Budget national launch of the nursery vouchers scheme will claw back tens of millions of designed to pay for a 1p cut in the basic rate of income tax. pounds from councils, to be Mr Clarke will also target motorists and tenants, and paid direct to parents. The Department of Social

Security and the Inland Reve-nue are to be allowed to recruit more fraud staff with has decided to concentrate in-creases in public spending on two of the key election battle-- education and the aim of recouping well over £1 billion from housing In what will be presented as a prudent package aimed at jobseekars' allowance claim-eneging interest rates down ants and from taxpayers who are not fully declaring their income. Mr Lilley is confident enough of savings to have den the run-up to polling day. the Chancellor will announce a "spend to save" initiative

involving big increases in fraud staff to fight benefit ducted the figures from his spending bid. The biggest losers in the new cuts will be the road builders and the housing croungers and tax dodgers. But the Chancellor will at-tempt to make a clear distincion between the Governciations - both

schemes should be built by private companies which then charge "shadow tolls". Mr Gummer has sacrificed another \$250 million from the housing budget, which has suffered the largest cuts of any service. Since 1992 the

Housing Corporation, which funds all cheap rented hous-ing, has seen its budget cut from £2.36 billion to £1.07 billion. The effect will be higher rents for tenants and a cut in the building of cheap Secretary — agreed to further cuts to their programmes. homes to fewer than 25,000 a

Mr Gummer has agreed to another £250 million in cuts in other budgets, including a reduction in grants to local authorities, and to less money for them to start new building

programmes. Mr Clarke expects to raise £500 million from increasing insurance premium tax from 3 per cent to 5 per cent. He will also end tax relief on profit-related pay, worth about \$1.5 billion. City expectations that Mr Clarke will deliver only mod-est tax cuts yesterday helped the stock market to have its best trading day of the year, with the FTSE 100 Index up 65

points to 4018.7. Labour and the Liberal Democrats believe that, what-Kenneth Clarke's



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OJ Simpson arrives at court in Santa Monica. California, yesterday to testify at the civil trial

ment's assault on fraudsters and the plight of the hard-working low-paid by supple-menting the reduction in the programmes being reduced to the lowest levels since John Major was returned to power in 1992 The Highways Agency, basic rate of income tax to 23p which was already facing a cut of over £70 million in its with a widening of the lower 20p band. The final framing of Mr Clarke's fourth Budget was made possible after three Caballocation for next year, will now be hit by Sir George's ac-ceptance of a \$200 million inet ministers - John Gumreduction in the road buildmer, the Environment Secre-tary, Peter Lilley, the Social mer, the Environment Secre-tary, Peter Lilley, the Social gramme. He has also agreed Security Secretary, and Sir that all future major road

ever Mr Clarke does, he will have to tackle the tax-andpre-election spending gap after the elec-tion. Tony Blair, the Labour leader, hammered home his budget in party's critique in a Guardian article today. "Whatever the Chancellor does on Tuesday, people will be paying more tax at the time of the 1997 gen-eral election than in 1992." Wednesday's and Thursday's Guardian International. Tony Blair, The Week, page 17.

OJ admits 'getting physical' PM faces defeat

Simpson testifies under oath for the first time as America relives its trial of the century

Christopher Reed In Los Angeles

OR the first time under oath and in public court, O. J. Simpson yesterday began giving his version of what happened on the Sunday night in 1994 when his ex-wife and a friend

were brutally murdered at

were brutally inducered at her house in Los Angeles. Hard questioning began im-mediately when Daniel Petro-celli — lead counsel for the plaintifs — displayed photo-graphs on a screen of Nicole Brown Simpson's battered from after a previous incident face after a previous incident on New Year's Day, 1989. Mr. Simpson denied beating her and repeated "I don't know? when asked how she received a cut lip, a bruised forehead and a hand-print on her neck. Mr Petrocelli focused on a

history of clashes between Mr

nistory of clasnes between Mr Simpson and his wife. Initially, Mr Simpson said: "Like any long relationship, there were a few bad times." "And it was a passionate relationship at times, yes?"

"And it was a problem relationship at times?" Mr Simpson strongly denied this.

At one point he admitted "getting physical", saying: "I pushed her out the door if that's what you mean." He later said he had "wrestled her out of the room" and had her "in a head lock".

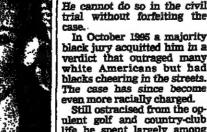
After the 1989 episode, in which a policeman saw Mrs which a policeman saw Mrs Simpson running from the house wearing only a bra and sweatpants, shouting "He's going to kill me", Mr Simpson did not contest a spousal abuse charge. Yesterday in court, however, he accused he late action of bring when she

his late wife of lying when she his late whe of typing when she said he beat her. The legendary foothall star was one of the most antici-pated witnesses in United States legal history. He was testifying in Santa Monica, California, in a civil trial on

charges of wrongful death. it was brought by the fam-ilies of Nicole Brown Simpson, aged 35, and Ronald Goldman, aged 25, a waiter friend visit, ing her on June 12 1994. The couple were stabled repeat-edly and had their throats cut.

At stake was not just Mr Simpson's innocence but his fortme. He owns a Los Ange-les mansion valued at \$5 mil-lion (\$3.2 million). He could

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Nicole Brown Simpson: evidence of prior beatings

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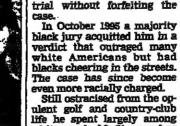
damages — although Fred Goldman, the father of Ronald and a prosperous advertising executive, insists he is not

executive, minists ne is not suing for the money. Mr. Simpson, aged 49, was the 40th witness on the 19th day of a trial that has been a model, lawyers say, for what sbould have bappened in last year's nine-month criminal. trial, which was often mired in technicalities.

The civil trial differs - not least in the absence of televileast in the absence of televi-sion cameras. The 12 — mainly white — jurors need only a 9.3 verdict. Instead of a finding "beyond a reasonable doubt", they must weigh the "preponderance" of evidence. The defendant cannot be found quilty collection of the defendant

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lion (23.2 million). He could found guilty, only "liable": also forfeit a huge sum in . Mr Shapson did not testify



for murder because he exer-cised his constitutional right

not to risk self-incrimina

life he spent largely among white people, Mr Simpson has tried to plead his innocence, often against the advice of his lawyers. He has given televi-sion interviews, written a book called I Want to Tell You, made a video, and

addressed the Oxford Union. Yet nothing has shaken the conviction of an estimated Sper cent of whites that he is guilty of the two murders. Blacks, however, now seem

less sure of his innocence. Meanwhile, in another hearing in Orange county, Mrs. Simpson's mother and father are seeking to keep custody of the couple's two children, Sydney, aged 11, and Justin, aged eight, for whom they have cared since the murders. They argue that Mr Simpson's notoriety could damage the chances of a nor-mal upbringing.

Ghosts to lay to rest, page 5

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in last year's criminal trial in Euro debate

a debate in the Commons, Mr Cook said yesterday. Michael White Political Editor Tory whips will be working overtime this weekend, confi-HE Government was dent they can sidestep dent they can sidestep Labour's ambush. Mr Major may still try to tough it out, as he indicated in a letter to Mr Blair, insisting that he had been right to say there was no danger of the Euro-pean Union's financial "sta-billion to the start to say there last night facing the prospect of near-certain defeat over Europe next week after John Major's determination not to concede a Commons debate on the terms for a single currency pushed Tory Eurosceptics into the waiting arms of Tony Blair. bility pact" imposing "new legal sanctions".

With John Redwood and his With John Redwood and his allies on the right determined to turn demands for a debate on three European documents "We retain the right to de-cide whether the UK will take part in a single currency thanks to the opt-out which into an issue of parliamen-tary accountability, Labour fought for and won at Maas tricht," Mr Major said. Mr Major also insisted that he had not snubbed the chairwill today turn up the heat or the Prime Minister. The Robin Cook, will amplify threats that Labour will not man of the 1922 committee of all Tory backbenchers in refusing to receive his trou-bled delegation until next week. Sir Marcus Fox loyally endorsed his leader's line. allow ministers to give Ken-neth Clarke, the Chancellor, a free hand in the meeting of EU finance ministers in Dub-Mr Blair called Downing lin on December 2 without the full Euro-debate back-Street's tactics monstrous But the Labour leader player benchers are clamouring for. Unless there is a full debate down talk of an early vote of confidence if the Cabinet is in the Budget-packed week (Friday is the only feasible defeated over the Premier's determination not to be rushed into holding a debate day), in government time. Mr Cook will organise a proceit had always planned for the dural vote on the issue. "John Major is left with a stark choice. He can either face huweek after.

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2 CHRONICLE/NEWS 'Overdose' Troops stand by pills curb for is sought Miss

David Brindle, Social Services Correspondent

EALTH officials plan to order a reduction from 25 to 12 in the paracetamol or aspirin tab-lets sold in shops in an attempt to stop people taking overdoses.

The Medicines Control Agency also wants to add mandatory warnings on para-cetamol packets on the dan-gers of an overdose. The changes would take effect next April

The proposals, issued yes-terday for consultation, follow concern that the number of paracetamol overdoses has reached 30,000 a year. More than 100 people die as a result, but others who survive suffer liver failure and may require a £40,000 transplant. Experts say liver failure can be caused by an overdose

of 20 tablets. At present, shops can sell

paracetamol and aspirin in packs of 25, though a third painkiller, ibuprofen, is lim-ited to 12. Pharmacies can sell by discretion in unlimited quantities.

The agency is proposing an across the board limit of 12 for all shop packs of analgesics and 30 for packs sold in phar-macies. However, pharmacists could sell quantities of up to 100 where they judge it appro-priate for people with chronic or recurrent conditions.

Paracetamol packs would carry a new warning stating: "Immediate advice should be sought in the event of an over-dose, even if you do not feel unwell."

Patient advice leaflets

would also contain a state-ment saying: "Immediate medical advice should be siege sought in the event of an over dose because of the risk of serious liver damage." The agency is stressing that

analgesic medicines are

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cal Association (NPA), repre-

senting 10,000 pharmacies, wel

comed the proposals but called

for an even tougher move to

shops and supermarkets.

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Suzanne Goldenberg in Bangalore

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"extremely safe in normal usage". Its proposals are aimed at reinforcing safe use "in the light of concerns about their relative toxicity". AVORTING on a Hollywood version of an an-cient Indian temple, hundreds of dancers, two ele-Gerald Malone, Health Min-ister, said there were particuphants and 88 contestants were last night put through their paces for tonight's final of the Miss World pageant. "Remember all that really lar anxieties about the

dangers of a paracetamol overdose, the symptoms of which might not be readily apparent. "The way forward is to ensure that full and accucounts is Saturday night," a choreographer said, draping his arm around a dancer sob sumers. That information should be conveyed both on bing with nerves and tension. But the drama has already started outside, where 10.000 troops have transformed Ban galore into a virtual police state to prevent protesters --

the label and in a patient leaf. Let, in a pack whose size meets their needs without leaving large numbers in the including a women's suicide squad — from disrupting the bathroom cabinet." Doctors welcomed yester-day's move. Dr Gary Bray, pageant. Thirty-five activists were arrested. Others, includconsultant gastro-enterologist at Southend hospital, Essex, ing K. N. Sasikala, who described it as an entirely sensible control of "a potan-tially lethal compound". ciaims to have 15 women ready to die to stop the show. are on the run.

Many overdoses were cries for help, Dr Bray said. "They Feminists, communists and the rightwing Hindu Bharatake it, don't know what's go-ing to happen, and a day or two later their liver fails and tiya Janata Party (BJP) have condemned the pageant, held for the first — and perhaps last — time in India, as an it may be too late to save them. They didn't want to kill attempt to import a permissive, consumer-driven culthemselves, regretted it, but went into a coma." The National Pharmaceutiture, and as an insult to local tradition.

Their campaign claimed its first victim last week when a lone protester - later said to have a history of mental in-stability — set fire to himself handed. at a bus stand in the southern city of Madurai.

dawn today, and an alternative pageant crowning Misses Poverty and Illiteracy. "We will block all vehicles throughout the city," said the BJP MP Anand Kumar, who is organising the strike. "We are going to lay siege to the stadium and request the so-

sparing India the embarrassment of

called spectators not to go." The BJP is the unofficial patron of obscure groups like Ms Sasikala's and the Indian Tigers, which claims to have assembled 400 commandos to sabotage the event. Their pro-Dew.

numb after weeks of protests including the burning of a nucle effigy of him earlier in the day. "All this controversy, I don't understand it," he said. "We are not trying anything contest organiser.

the cheapest sents at 2,000 rupees (536) and the most ex-pensive more than 10 times that price, this is an event for

the seriously rich.

transformed a contest, which after 45 years had become an anachronism, into an event of international importance — a fact acknowledged by the BJP. "This has attracted work amention. It will catch the event of the all forth me a the eyes of the all. Catch me a small fish and it is of no use." said Pramila Nesargi, a BJP member of the Karnataka assembly Even the contest organisers agree. "I'd like you to be here just for Miss World, but un-fortunately that's not possible is it," said Julia Morley, the

Blair's keeps desert * island silence

Dan Glaister

The Guardian Saturday November 23 1996

OHN MAJOK started with Rhapsody in Blue and finished his selec-tion with The Best is Yet To Come. But Tony Blair's choice of eight records, a book and a luxury for Desert Island Discs remained a mystery yesterday prior to the programme's transmission tomorrow lunchtime.

Mr Blair left Broadrasting House yesterday morning after recording the programme looking "pretty pleased with himself" accord-

pleased with himself accord-ing to one observer. Desert Island Discs has be-come something of a ritual for politicians of all hues. "It's like being asked to be in Who's Who," said disc jockey John Peel, who has bimself sppeared on the programme. "It's just another aspect of marketing.

Mr Blair was accompanied Mr Blatr was accompanied for the recording by his press spokesman Alistair Camp-bell. "I would imagine that it's something over which they've agonised for some time in Walworth Road, " said John Pres, Companies Mr Blair's shules

Certainly Mr Blair's choice will be examined closely for any indications of political expediency. Money's Too Tight To Mention, for example, may no longer which out the right economic message with an election only months away. Queen's We Are The Champions, which was used in Labour's disastrous Sheffield rally before the last elec-tion, is unlikely to be chosen. while I'm A Union Man by the Strawbs is out of the question.

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nisers say will be a television audience of 2 billion. Aside from the rapid action force in electric-blue camou-flage uniform outside the stadium, the road outside the contestants' hotel is off-limits.

But the contest could still test has eclipsed the argu-be upstaged by the BJP's call ments of leftwing and for a 24-hour strike starting at women's organisations.

Bangalore's police chief is intent on violence seen live by 2 billion people.

Where were they 30 years ago when we started having beauty contests?" Ticket sales have been so Television and radio - Saturday

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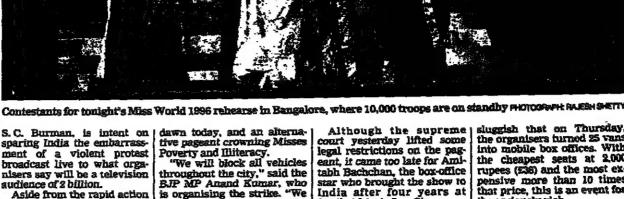
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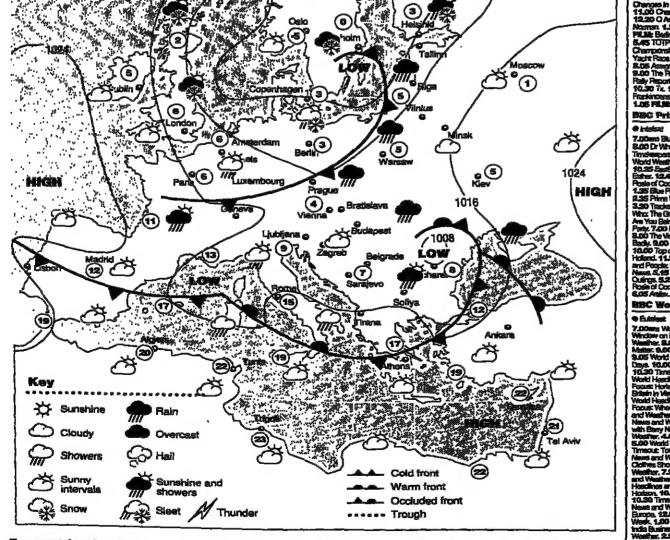
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Schools and colleges were closed yesterday and today. Police with sniffer dogs have searched the sealed stadium for several nights. Reporters have been subected to rigorous security checks, asked to remove their shoes and fan out bank notes in their wallets. Pens and notebooks have been banned from the final, and ticket holders told to arrive empty-





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European weather outlook

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Switzerland:

A cold front over northern Germany and the Low A count roll of the heat and commany and an of the day. That means northern regions will start cloudy with showery bursts of rain and hill-snow, but it should brighten up in the starnoon. Meanwhile, southern Germany, Austria and Switzeriand will start fine and trosty but rain, sleet or snow will break out this atternoon. Max temp 3-8C... Frances Frances

France: Early rain in the extreme south should soon clear to feave a chilly day across all of France with a mix of sunshine and showers. Most of the showers will be in the north at first, but these will move southwards this attemoon. Max temp 6-13C from north to south. Spain and Portugab

A band of showers in the north at first will sink southwards during the day with brighter weather tollowing on bahind. However the extreme south of Spain should, stay mosity fine and warm with sunny spails. Max temp 10-15C but nearer 20C on the south coast.

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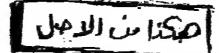
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'There is a clear requirement for the written and effective consent of a man after he has had the opportunity to receive counselling and after he has had a proper opportunity to consider the implications ofa posthumous birth' **HFEA** statement giving reasons for export refusal



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How ethics and the law joined a fight for new life after death

The case of Diane Blood looks set | to identify a person's wishes for appeal. But as science rushes that Mr Blood had not given any consideration, let alone

ways lenge view the previously accepted and to evoke our sympa-The inevitable conse quence will be a steady ero sion of ethical standards." Dr Horner initially raised the spectre of organs being taken from unconscious patients for transplant, but last night he accepted that clear rules exist under which pa-tients must be declared brain

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Direvent that happening." Last month, the High Court upheld the HFRA's contention that the Act of Parlia which set it up bans a wife's use of her des band's

sperm in Britain without his written consent. But that Diane



clinicians say their interest lies in helping sometimes desperate individ-uals to fulfil themselves logy and Fertility Centre, is a fierce critic of the HFEA, tak-ing his stand, like Lord Winston, on the welfare of child-less couples. "I do not believe brough having children, and are impatient of the inhuman general ethical principles that that the HFEA adequately get in the way. Lord Winston makes the represents the views of the in-fertile — but they will tell you that is not their job," he said.

How nature adds obstacles on path to pregnancy

Tim Radford on the role chance plays in artificial insemination

F DIANE Blood is suc ssful in getting permission to use her late hus-band's sperm for artificial nsemination, she will have cleared only one hurdle. Nature provides others. A teaspoon full of semen from a fertile male contains

fertilisation. In these, the woman is given drugs to provoke the production of eggs — collected in a rela-tively simple, swift opera-tion — to be fertilised in a laboration disk Because laboratory dish. Because the technique only works about one time in six, more than one egg is usually im-planted back in the uterus others can be frozen and stored in case the first IVF is exp

is exper recent book, Lord Win put the cost at anything between £1,400 and £2,200. Ordinary seminal fluid will not do the trick. The seme 180 and 350 mils to be filtere sperm separated from dead blood cells and dead sperm. He argued that Mrs Blood's lion sperm. Even so, there The fertilised eggs are then kept for a few days, in the laboratory, in fluids that embryos need for growth, at body temperatures. The best embryos are selected and gently returned through the cervix to the uteras. It could be done "natu-rally" by collecting an egg produced normally and fertilising it. If that doesn't work - and it usually doesn't - then expensive drags are used to trigger greater numbers of eggs. There is a choice of approaches. In one, eggs are mixed with sperm and returned to the Fallopian tubes before fertilisation. In another, sperm is In another, sperm is injected directly into the egg to make sure it gets to the right place. But there is no guarantee of success. A study in the Lancet today — based on a study of 37,000 cycles of IVF between 1991 and 1994, collected by the HFEA ity research, thinks there ought to be no problems. "She doesn't even need a doctor," he said yesterday. She could do it herself, by putting the container of sperm on the kitchen table for a few minutes to de-frost, and then inseminat-ing herself with a straw. She doesn't need specialist help, he said. There was no mark by fVF. The success the base of the straw. There is another statistic to remember — even if mat-sperm on that either of ters begin well, they can end badly: 10 to 15 per cent fertility. But if artificial insemina-tion does not work, there are various forms of *in vitro* that doctors still do not



torward, two branches of the medical establishment are in conflict over one of the most difficult questions of the age

Clare Dyor, Sarah Boseley and Tim Radiord | Thursday, the authority told her she would not be allowed to use her husbend Stephen's

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Diane Blood, pre-

vented from using her dead husband's sperm to have his child, is set to go to the Court of Appeal and possibly all the way to the European Court of Human Rights after the latest decision that she cannot be allowed to export the sperm to Belgium and use if there. I list month.

Last night the Human Fer-Antherity (HFEA) set out in full its reasons for the declsolicitors, the authority said the "important require-ments" laid down by Parliaalon, which were centred on ment that a sperm donor the complex issue of patient must have the opportunity of counselling and the chance to consider the implications of a posthumous birth had not been met in the Bloods' case. It would not be "right to consent and denounced by Mrs Blood as "incredibly bureaucratic." There had been signs the decision would go in her favour, but her hopes were raised only to be dashed again.

Last night's statement, and the reactions to it, illustrate. requirements which prevent her from using the sperm in the extreme difficulties the this country", and she had no authority faces in trying to in-terpret the law while under contradictory pressures from ethical bodies, clinicians, and the speed of scientific ad-

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HE legal wrangle is months ago as he lay dying over the case of in a come — for artificial insemination abroad. The reasons released last night made clear that Mr Blood's lack of consent was at the heart of its refusal. The

authority made no new points, but reiterated the arguments it advanced when Mrs Blood challenged its ear-'We

believe last month. In a letter to Mrs Blood's the

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not be eroded." The essentia issue was the quality of the consent, not whether it was written.

There was no evidence that Stephan Blood had clearly thought through the issue and the fall implications of a

After a 2%-hour meeting on thority was "reluctant to seek justed to accomm

The anthorshy is thought to have been infinenced in its decision by a letter faxed to it at 10pm on Tuesday night by Stuart Horner, chairman of the British Medical Associa-tion's ethics committee, urg-ing it not to change its mind: tion's ethics committee, urg-ing it not to change its mind: The letter reached Mrs sity and an expert on medical law and ethics, last night backed the HFEA's stance. "I Blood's solicitors after 5pm on Wednesday with a request think the authority is right. I don't think the legislation for her comments by 1pm on Thursday, an hour before the HFEA's meeting. should be changed either," Dr Horner wrote: "We be-lieve that the doctrine of insbe said. "I think it's a tragic case and I wouldn't for a moment cast doubt on what Mrs Blood formed consent, which is cen tral to medical ethics, mus is saying. But it is a fundamental principle of the act that there must be firm evidence of consent."

The HFEA is a constraining influence and a frequent irri-tant on the fertility special-ists, who spend their lives pushing at the frontiers of the scientifically possible. They do not want it replaced, for face of something worse, but fear of something worse, but find themselves in constant arguments with the regulatory body.

Lord Winston's bill — to amend the Human Fertilisa-Lord Winston's bill — to amend the Human Fertilisa-tion and Embryology Act so that written consent is not al-ways needed for the use of sperm — is a manifestation of that edgy relationship. It will receive its second reading in the Human Fertilisa-tion and Embryology Act so that written consent is not al-ways needed for the use of sperm — is a manifestation of that edgy relationship. It will receive its second reading in the House of Lord's on Decem-ber 5. Without government backing, it stands little chance of becoming law. The conflict comes from a fundamental difference of ap-

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consent, to the export of his sperm to another country." The authority is thought to given no chance to give oral evidence in front of the HFEA, the BMA or in court. "It would be quite unaccept-able in the normal court of law or in a select committee of Parliament," he said. "Oral evidence gives a flavour of the honesty of what is being said ... Mrs Blood begged the HFBA to be heard directly

and that was turned down al-most as if they were fright-ened of hearing from the woman "In all this, what are we

worried about? What are the concerns? Is it the welfare of the child .who is going to be born? Here is a responsible woman who has adequate fi-nancial support, who has one of the most supportive families around her, including her dead husband's family. There cannot be any serio concern about the child."

Dr Horner fundamentally disagrees, although this is not the reason why the committee made its recommendation. This is the one issue on which it parts company with the HFEA. "The HFEA believes that the interests of children should be taken into account

Professor lan Craft, direc- Martin Kettle, page 9

died. "The HFEA is being very inhuman not allowing a certain amount of discretion. Why weren't they prepared to see her? Why not come down out of the ivory tower?"

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already 10,000 IVF babies. The Human Fartilisation and Embryology Bill was not pub-lished until 1969, and the au-thority itself not established until 1990. By that time research was raising ques-tions and dilemmas undreamed of in 1978 - or even 1990.

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husband gave implied con-sent to the use of his sperm, healthy couples there is since the couple were trying to conceive a child before he of pregnancy each month. only an 18 per cent chance But in 40 per cent of in-fertile couples, the male's sperm count is low to begin with Pregnancy is a chance event, and a low sperm count makes it even more count makes it even more

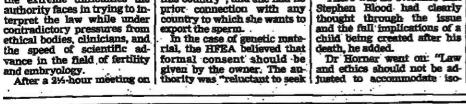
haphazard. Artificial insemination is a familiar and, in theory, simple tech-nique, involving the inser-tion of donor sperm into the vagina with a syringe or straw. Ì According to the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority (HFBA), there is only a 7.9 per cent -E success rate for donor nsemination But the HFEA's figures

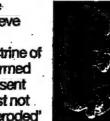
are for people who had problems to start with. The HFEA is society's at Lord Winston, who as Pro-fessor Robert Winston of Hammersmith hospital was tempt to catch up with science of human life. The world's first "test tube" baby, one of the pioneers of fertil-Louise Brown, was born in ity research, thinks there 1976 after conception by IVF. By 1988, the British ploneers of the technique were cale-brating their 1,000th birth and, worldwide, there were

suggestion that either of the Bloods was of abnormal



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News in brief

BA error as missile explodes below jet

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THE crew of a British Airways jumbo jet saw a missile explode 10,000ft beneath them after the company ignored a special warning notice and routed the aircraft close to a banned military area near Istanbul in Turkey on its June 4 flight from Islamabad, Pakistan, to Manchester, BA admitted yesterday, A second BA flight, from Bangkok to London, which would have

second BA ilight, from bangrok to London, which would have passed through the same area, was re-routed. BA said the mistake occurred because staff bad failed to put the information into a computer responsible for the flight plan. It said that no one had been in danger and it was reviewing its It said that no one had been in tanget and it was reviewing its procedures for military danger ootices, which are routinely sent to its navigation and flight crew briefing departments in

On this occasion, both departments forgot to enter the information received several days before from Turkish authorities into the computer which produces flight plans. Turkish air traffic control told the Boeing 747 to divert around the firing zone just as the crew saw the explosion. — Keith Harper

Repossession plight eased

THOUSANDS of homeowners living under the threat of reposses-sion because of mortgage arrears may be allowed to remain the their property until its sale, following a landmark court ruling. Most mortgage lenders insist on selling the annual toll of around 50,000 repossessed homes as vacant properties, often at 15 to 20 per cent below their market value — a loss borrowers must bear. But an Appeal Court ruling earlier this month, in a case involving Cheltenham & Gloucester, suggests a county court judge may direct a lender to suspend the possession of a home until comple-tion of the sale. Yesterday, the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux said judges might now be persuaded to allow borrowers to stay in their home while the lender conducts the sale, provided they agree to co-operate with the lender's plans — THOUSANDS of homeowners living under the threat of repos sale, provided they agree to co-operate with the lender's plans-so making "the best of a had lot" for those facing inevitable repossession - Richard Miles

Road protest 'final warning'

ANTI-roads protesters were yesterday served with a "final warn-ing" giving them 48 hours to remove themselves and their possessions from camps on the route of the A30 dual carriageway scheme in east Devon where they have built a network of tunnels and aerial walkways in a bid to prevent work on the 13-mile route between Honiton and Exeter.

woman for the contractors' consortium, Connect, said If they failed to respond to yesterday's notice from the Under Sheriff, such action as was necessary would be taken to enforce their right of possession. -- Geoffrey Gibbs

Sex pest collapses in court

A CHILD sex pest with a history of offences dating back nearly 30 years collapsed at Reading crown court after being jailed for 4% years for indecent assaults on four young girls. David York, 59, a former labourer from Bracknell, Berkshire, admitted four counts of indecent assault dating back to February 1979. He asked for 11 other charges to be taken into account. The court heard York was convicted of indecent exposure by Bracknell magistrates in Feb-ruary 1970, followed by a string of other indecency offences.

Student's body found

THE body of Swiss student John Newston, 23, from Geneva, has been found by an RAF belicoptar after a three-day search involving 21 members of the Skye mountain rescue team, four search and rescue dogs, coastguard shore pairols, and coastguard and RAF belicopters on the island of Skye. The search for the solo holidaymaker began after his hired car was found abandoned at the start of a track to the village of Talisker, a well-used tourist path. His father Tony, a British engineer, and his Malaysian mother have gone to Skye to help police with their inquiries. It is believed Mr Newton may have fallen from cliffs while viewing a waterfall that plunges into the sea.

Couple jailed for £10m fraud



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Mr Speakman's home in Ramsgate, Kent, where his body was found by his daughter and where he kept his collection of guns in locked cabinets photocourt all ga PHOTOGRAPH: BEL GRAHAM

Raiders murder pensioner for gun collection

Luke Harding

N 84-year-old man who lived alone was beaten and strangled by burglars for his collection of guns, police said Kenneth Speakman, a retired town clerk, was attacked near his home in Ramsgate, Kent, and forced to

open the locked cabinets where the guns were stored. The gang made off with 12 handguns, including a .33 Smith and Wesson, as well as Renneth Speakman: a 'responsible gun owner' a number of antique weapons.

Mr Speakman's body was found in the lounge of his home by his daughter. Penny Russell, at 7pm on Wednes-day. She had come to take the inquiry, described the murder as "dreadful" and said the killers had been motihim to visit his wife, Joanna, vated by their victim's gun

in the nursing home where she has lived since suffering a collection. stroke three years ago. Detective Superintendent

"It appears Mr Speakman was beaten near his front door and taken into various Nick Biddis, who is leading rooms in the house which the fact that Mr Speakman peoples' homes.

were searched. Mr Speakman kept his guns locked in secure cabinets in accordance with firearms regulations. These cabinets had been opened and it appears 12 guns and some ammunition has been taken." Mr Speakman was well-known in the area as a firearms enthusiast. He had been an active member of Rams-gate Gun Club and had held a firearms certificate for more than 50 years. "He was a fit and active man who was very keen on

hunting and a respected mem-ber of the gun community," Mr Biddis said. "He would

was murdered for his "People obviously knew he weapons strengthened the had them. It's natural have, in all probability, put up some sort of verbal or physical case for a complete ban on handguns in homes, Jacqueline Walsh, of the Dunblane Snowdrop petition, resistance to the intruders." Detectives fear the guns may have ended up in the hands of an organised crimi-nal gang. Most of the weapons were of a calibre which MPs said: "We have always asked that private ownership of handguns be made illegal and other guns should be locked have voted to ban.

Anti-gun campaigners said up in gun clubs rather than

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people do tell other people about their hobbies." Labour's home affairs spokesman, Doug Henderson, said the case "should remind everyone in Parliament of the need to bring about a speedy as a hobby. He was also a change in the law to ban the member of the Thanet Pistol holding of hand guns at and Sporting Gun Club and the Sixth Thanet Rifle Club.

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seek out negative aspects.

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Mr Speakman's wife has been told of his death. Neighbours yesterday described him as a "real old-fashioned gentleman". Detectives said he was a responsible firearms owner who showed off replica guns

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Schools inspector to be investigated

confirmed by a follow-up visit

investigation take its course

"We will let the Ofsted

by HM inspectors.

Donald MacLood Education Correspondent

HE Office for Standards in Education is to inves-

claims by four primary head-

eachers in London and Bas-

joint governors of the adja-cent Rookery Infants School charges, but a spokeman said yesterday that no substantial which received a good report evidence was found to justify from a different inspection de-registering Mr Owen. It was unusual for one inspector to attract a series of com-plaints, but his work had been monitored like that of all begintered in an order and Yesterday Mr Owen refused

registered inspector. A complaint to Ofsted against Geoffrey Owen by a Birmingham primary school has been backed by the educa-tion authority. It follows

and bullying" behaviour dur | a failing school requiring | and then review the situa | maintained primary, in | gations.

Three other primary schools in the city com-plained to the authority, prompting Birmingham's chief adviser, David Woods, to protest to Ofsted about Mr

Hampshire county council complained to Ofsted after Mr Owen inspected South View Owen's "negative view of inspection". Mr Woods said primary in Basingstoke, alleging he failed to back his yesterday: "We have no argu-ment with the idea that weakconclusions with hard evidence during the feedback meeting to governors, and his nesses must be identified and

postal workers to continue ing visits by Mr Owen. Of special measures. They are tion," said John Bridger, the Wandsworth, London, was sted investigated those joint governors of the adja- firm's general manager. Judged by Mr Owen to be fail judged by Mr Owen to be failunofficial strike ing and in need of special measures but HM inspectors overruled his verdict.

NEARLY 2000 postal staff In the east of Scotland were last night continuing an unofficial strike in a row over 10 casual workers taken on yesterday at Edinburgh's main sorting office, after 350 workers at a meeting in the city unanimously refused a call by Communication Work-

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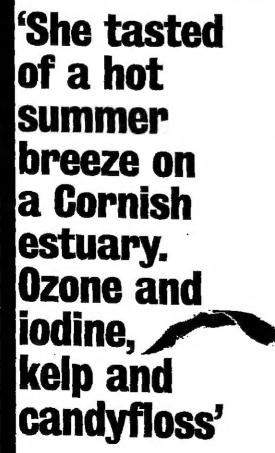
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Detective Superintendent Nick Biddis shows some of the types of handgun stolen

PETER Garnett, 54, and his 52-year-old wife Linda, were each jalled for 3½ years at Middlesex Guildhall crown court yesterday for a £10 million plot involving the only cheque ever stolen from the Darie Content of the stolen from the st the Bank of England.

Channel Tunnel update

THE advertisements for Le Shuttle appearing on pages 20 and 21 of Weekend magazine and for Eurostar on page 7 of The Guide today, were printed before the Channel Tunnel fire. We would like to point out that there are no passenger services until further notice.



Rushdie, Okri, Ballard, Lessing: Who is worst at sex?

UNDAY PAPER. AND THE MOST ORIGINA **D**server **Bell slates** 'neutral reporting'

Andrew Culf Media Corres

ARTIN Bell, the veteran foreign cor-respondent, clashed yesterday as he called on the BBC to abandon neutrality in reporting war and genocide. The 58-year-old reporter whose resignation is being considered by the BBC, criticised its increasing moves into rolling news as a descent into "puppet journalism". Mr Bell, who has worked

er's journalism" based on the old tradition of detached, cool

we should stand neutrally between good and evil. My answer is

what I call the journalism of attachment'

Martin Bell

for the BBC for 31 years called for an end to "bystand 'I do not believe and neutral reporting. "I do not believe we should

stand neutrally between good and evil, right and wrong, aggressor and victim," he told News World '96, a conference attended by 500 international news broadcasters in Berlin. But his call was criticised

as misguided by Lucian Hudson, a senior editor on the 24 hour international news channel, BBC World, who said he sounded like a priest

keen to abandon celibacy. The attack prompted Mr Bell to observe: "Now you know why I prefer to work in

to watch my front. The Inter-national Red Cross has been through exactly the same debate about its neutrality in an age when genocide has returned to haunt two of our continents.

attachment, journalism which cares as well as knows." It was a limited way of trying to use the world's most powerful medium to help. "It

means you don't have to hide behind some mention of jour-nalistic immunity if you are war zones rather than in the asked to give evidence to the

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"It is a real problem we should address: my answer is what I call the journalism of

He tendered his resignation

impartiality, fairness and con-cern for the facts. Mr Bell, who has 'covered News in more than 80 countries and was wounded in Sarajevo four years ago, said he was not a crusading jour-halist. But he had nothing to exclusion for the good form apologise for if he could force governments in Rwanda and. Bosnia to halp people. "I will happily call myself a founder member of the something-must-be-dome campaign."

ists standing on a rooftop doing 15 "live shots" one after another, reciting words fed into an earpiece by a producer in London, instead of finding out what was happening.

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on you for this kind of nonsense." Mr Hudson said that the "journalism of attachment" last month because he felt was very risky, "He sounds to continuin sidelined after leaving Bosnia. I me like a cellbate priest who at could do.

remained committed to the leaving on January 1 unless old-fashioned notions of the BBC found him something decided to go and bonk. The temptation to get engaged is just too great and he wants to Rolling news meant journalget stuck in." Journalists should not for feit the fundamental role of

helding a mirror up to the world. The growth of rolling news was unavoidable and the days of fixed bulletins such as the Nice Occupations "That is not journalism, that the Nine O'Clock News were is puppetry. It is the danger of rolling news: it puts pressure numbered.

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"I think that is a golden age that has now gone. It is un-avoldable now to report news as it happens," said Mr Hud-son. BBC News said talks were continuing chemical talks were continuing about what Mr Bell

Vietnamese children fleeing papelm. Martin Bell said neutral reporting posed a 'real problem' PHOTOGRAPH (RIGHT: NICK UT BBC. In war zones I only have | war crimes tribunal." He | Yesterday he said he would be | a certain stage in his life has

Texaco and Gulf fined £100,000 each after Wales refinery explosion The court heard that 20 12180,000 compensation for tonnes of flammable liquid damage to public property. Mr Justice Morland said the fine had to reflect public The court was told a £2 mil-

dicts."

and gas got into pipework for which it was not designed. breaches of health and safety legislation. He accepted that The mixture ignited near a heating unit sending a 100ft fireball through a processing no individual could be

fires. No one was killed, but workers were blown off their feet and badly shocked. The companies paid out some tors and the public.

ers' Union officials to return The Ofsted spokesman said about 100 of 6,000 annual to work.

As a result, most of Edinburgh, as well as Dunfermline and parts of Kirkcaldy in Fife, will not receive post for a second day.

After the vote, a spokesman for Royal Mail management said: "This is yet another kick in the teeth for our customer and clear evidence the local CWU branch is out of step with its national leadership. John Keggie, CWU repre-sentative for Scotland and Northern Ireland, said members are determined to stay out, even though they do not have the union's support. He warned that the action could spread if postal staff elsewhere in Scotland are asked to handle East Coast mail.



miles away in Milford Haven, was caused by technical Geoffrey Gibbs ncern and condemn tion a

faults and the failure of con-trol room staff to shut down OIL giants Teraco and Gulf were fined £100,000 each the plant following alarm signals. The companies, who run yesterday as a result of the huge explosion and fires that hit the Pembroke refinery in

ingstoke, Hampshire, of "intimidatory, high-handed" "travesty" after he declared it

blamed. Rather. it was a failthe refinery in partnership, ure to make a correct diagno-West Wales two years ago. The blast injured 26 workers admitted breaches of health and safety regulations arising from the blast. They were also sis of earlier problems that had affected the plant and caused extensive damage. Swanses crown court heard following a severe electrical thunderstorm which caused Swanses crown court heard ordered to share payment of that the explosion, felt three £143,700 prosecution costs. power cuts at the refinery.

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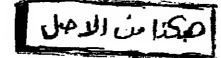
plained to Ofsted that Mr

lion improved monitoring system had since been in-stalled at the refinery to prevent a similar accident taking unit and starting several place.

we are not pretending that these schools are perfect, but

we were surprised by his ver-

Last year Hillbrook grant-



WORLD NEWS 5 Ghosts that OJ must finally lay to rest

Former American sports hero O. J. Simpson was examined in a civil trial yesterday-the first time he has given evidence about the death of his ex-wife Nicole and her male friend.

From Los Angeles. Christopher Reed poses the 10 most difficult questions he faces

1. Where was Mr Simpson be-tween 10pm and 11pm — the estimated time of the murders on June 12 1994? In the criminal trial his de-fence counsel, Johnnie Coch-ran, said he was chipping golf balls at this home in Brentwood, Los Angeles. His chauffeur, Allen Park, who waited for about half an hour outside the house and

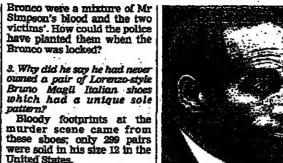
rang the bell repeatedly with-out getting an answer, said Mr Simpson told him he was asleep. But Mr Allen says that when Mr Simpson claims he was asleep, he saw a tall dark man wilk into the barr United States At the criminal trial, the shoes to him, and in a sworn statement before the civil trial he denied having ever owned such "ugly" items of footmar. man walk into the house. Who was the man and what was he doing?

2. How did Ronald Goldman's blood get into Mr Simpson's Ford Bronco, and why was his own blood found at the murder scenet DNA evidence gave odds of many billions to one against any of the blood samples found at the murder scene be-

ble with his appearance, how did he not remember wearing longing to anyone other than them? 4. How does he explain the sim-ilarity between the gloves he

cole and her friend Ronald Goldman. was photographed wearing Three stains inside the

several times before the mur-



Simpson: Was he chipping golf balls at his home?

ders and the bloodstained ones found at the murder scene and This time the court has behind his house? The gloves were extra large — his size. The criminal trial evidence showed that Nicole bought such a pair, with a unique stitching pattern, at Bloomingdale's in New York been shown a photograph of him wearing shoes identified as the \$160 Bruno Maglis at a football match in 1993. As omeone who took great trou-

ust before Christmas 1990. Only 200 such pairs were sold in the US that year.

5. How did he cut his hands? On the night of the murder, he cut the knuckle of the



Nicole: She bought unusual gloves from Bloomingdale's

middle finger on his left hand. Blood from the cut tallies with the spots found on the A doctor who examined him the day after the murders found three other cuts and seven abrasions on his hands. left footprint of the departing murderer. How did they appear?

He told police he did not know how he cut his finger. In a later, revised account, he 6. Why did he behave so oddly after the murders? On the drive to the airport said he cut it in a Chicago at 11pm on the night of the murder, he told the driver to hotel by banging down a glass when police telephoned him

about Nicole's murder. In yet open the windows because he another version, he said he reopened the cut in Chicago was hot and sweating. But it was a cool night and the air conditioning was on. On the flight to Chicago, he after injuring himself in LA while rummaging in his car.

Ronald Goldman: His blood

was found in Simpson's car

being recognised, and always signed autographs.

constantly drank water and 9. What was in the carmen went to the lavatory every 15 minutes. When police telebag Mr Kardashian tool away, and where is the small phoned him to say his ex-wife had been killed, he did not bag that vanished? His house guest Brian "Kato" Kaelin helped him to ask how. Nor did he ask about his two children, whohe knew

were sleeping at Nicole's

suicide note

the notorious police chase

the murders.

load five bags into the car. Mr Simpson told him not to touch the smallest one. The bag was never seen again.

7. Why did he write an appar-When he returned from Chicago, Mr Kardashian walked off with one of the bags by mistake. It sat in his His friend Robert Kardashian read the letter in public after Mr Simpson fied when gargage for weeks. Mr Karda-shian has said that it conhe heard he was to be ar-rested. Dated two days previ-ously, it reeked of guilt. tained nothing suspicious. If Mr Simpson was so unconcerned about that missing 8. Where was he going before bag, why did he insist on accompanying Mr Kardashiar to LA airport to collect his golf clubs the day after his In his Bronco, driven by a friend, he was photographed

holding a gun to his head. The vehicle contained a false wife had been murdered? beard and moustache, a pass-port, fresh underwear, and 10. What about the polygraph test and the tape recording? \$8,750 (£5,800) in cash. A receipt showed the disguise It has only recently been disclosed that shortly after the

murders he took a lie detector test and failed. What were the was bought two weeks before He said he was going to questions and what were his take his children to Disneyanswers? And what did he say land and did not want fans recognising him. But he loved on a tape recording made at the Kardashian house before his arrest, a recording also recently discovered?

Asian near-neighbours aim for a footballing thaw in a frosty relationship going back generations

Sporting alliance faces stern test

As Korea and Japan eye the World Cup

John Gittings in Seoul reports on

a game of two halves not yet clear: Japan says it will select 10 cities, Korea will have the same number,

T SAYS "2002 World Cup Kores" in shop windows, over bank counters, and on the in-flight screens of Korean Air. The official title of the event, carefully negotiated with the international governing body for association football, Fifa, is "2002 World Cup Korea-Japan", but some-how the second bit always

seems to get left off. Officially the agreement to become joint hosts of the World Cup is the prelude to a new, warm feeling beea and the

 the big business groups
 to lend experts and give cash. The number of venues i

or perhaps one more. There is also the tricky question of mascots. Fifa has suggested each country has its own emblem, but bridge-building Korea favours a single "symbolic animal" for joint use. The structure for deci-"symbolic

sion-making will be neces-sarily elaborate, but it will complicate even further if the whole of Korea, not just the South, joins the fray. In contrast to its tough not in other areas of Seoul-Pyongyang relations, the South Korean government



Hong Kong resignation questioned

bled to death, shot with a Andrew Higgins In Hong Kong crossbow. Mr Leung had access to sen-HE Hong Kong government was accused of a cover-up yesterday after it stonewalled a parliamentary investigation of allega-Kong. tions that a bureaucrat awarded an OBE for loyalty had betrayed secrets to Questioned for four hours He has denied "doing anyby a legislative council select committee, the civil service thing that would undermine the interests of the territory". secretary, Lam Woon-kwong, Mr Lam said yesterday that retreated behind a harricade he met Mr Leung on July 5, received a letter of "resignaof evasion, prevarication and official secrecy. He was the first witness called before the committee, tion" that afternoon, and approved his departure. The news was announed the next set up to investigate the day in a terse statement. abrupt departure in July of the director of immigration, Laurence Leung.

"There must be something the government wants to hide.

sitive information about Hong Kong officials who have applied in confidence for Brit-ish passports and Chinese dis-sidents who have fied to Hong He worked in government

for 31 years, and left in such a hurry he did not stop to clear his desk.

> Mr Lam did not say whether he had spoken to Mr Patten, the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), or any other

which brutally occupied says the North is welcome to participate in the event's organisation. It may help that Dr Chung Mong-joon is leadthe peninsula for 40 years.

'It is the first project of fruitful collaboration between our two countries," says Oh Jee-chul, who is in charge of the international sports bureau at the ministry of culture and sports. It is high time, he claims, that Korea and Japan — "near neighbours and yet so remote" — should cross the football threshold of the

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21st century together. But he adds less confidently: "We don't yet know the real feeling of the Japanes

Some Scoul observers to the world y shake their heads with amazement that Korea But the defe gained the critical conces ion of its name being listed first. It almost makes up in Korean eyes for not hosting the final

But mutual understanding did not exactly blossom in the Seoul media when the decision was first announced. One television station reported that, by being awarded the opening ceremony, Korean culture would demonstrate its subefore Japan got a look-in. The South Korean presi-dent, Kim Young-sam, has

ing the South Korean organisation. Dr Chung is a son of Chung Ju-yung, head of Hyundai (and a presiden-tial candidate in 1992) who has in the past cultivated the North. North and South played two football matches in 1990 in the spirit of "unification". They even won the

women's team title for world table tennis in 1991 with a joint team, and got to the world youth soccer

But the defection of Lee Chang-soo, a North Korean weight-lifter who hopped off a train between events in Barcelona and Frankfurt in July 1991, put a blight on unification sports.

Mr Ob is optimistic, but says there is a problem in the North with transport, telecommunications and hotels. There would have to be direct access across the 38th parallel for fans of all countries, but the only way from Seoul to Pyongyang is a long dog-leg flight via

Beijing. Somehow the sound been named chairman of "Here we go" across the de-the special government inflitarised zone remains preparations, and every the 21st century.

Juon Kum-dol, one of 24 South Koreans seeking compensation for being conscripted into the Japanese army during the

second world war, is led away from Tokyo district court yesterday by security guards. Japan's opposition to the claim, which the court rejected, has strained relations between the two World Cap hosts PHOTOGRAPH: SH2LO KAMEAYASH

News in brief

Call for anti-cult laws after in hospital iailing of Scientology leader

RENCH campaigners I In the interests of public against cults say they will to press for laws against "mental manipulation", after the initian data and the interests of public "The trial was marked by the jailing of the former leader of the Church of Scientology, writes Alex Duval the target of an inquisition. It Smith in Paris.

Smith in Paris. Jean-Jacques Mazier was sentenced to 18 months in connection with the suicide in 1988 of a member of the Scientologists. Six judges sit-ting at the Lyon court sald:

Christopher ignores welcome

HE US Secretary of State, Warren Christopher, strode unsmiling past the for eign and trade ministers of the Philippines forming the he was sure no insult was in-receiving line at an Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation dinner in Manila yesterday. It was a welcoming banquet Tigers m page 12

Mother Teresa was taken to hospital in Calcutta with an irregular heartbeat yester-day, but doctors said her con-dition was improving and she was out of danger. demonstrations by Scientolo gists who claimed they were The 86-year-old nun received visitors, including sisters of her order, the Mis-

sionaries of Charity. - AP. Life for killer The Tasmanian supreme

court in Australia yesterday sentenced the Port Arthur killer Martin Bryant to life in

Mother Teresa

jail for shooting 35 people, de-scribing his as a pathetic mis-fit who nursed a grudge against the world. - Reuter. **Bikers shot**

Two members of the Bandi-dos, the biker gang locked in a Nordic feud with the Hell's Angels, were shot in an am-bush in Horsens, on the Jutyear, according to a Venezueland peninsula, west of Coian wildlife group, Profauna. penhagen. — AP.

lane Knight in Caracas crocodile farms — themselves an alternative to hunting. Of 27 farms raising the animals UNDREDS of discarded eggshells lie heaped outside the metal incufour remained last year. bator building at Guacharaca farm. Inside, the newly born grunt in the 36C heat. A nearby shell breaks open, and a baby reptile struggles out. The Venezuelan crocodile season has started. But these animals will not end up as handbags or shoes - they are

destined for the growing in-ternational exotic pet market. Killing animals more than 3ft Guacharaca farm, two long, producers in Venezuela hours from Caracas, is one of straps and belts. Although larger animals can handful which rear croco-

diles commercially. Between them, the farms exported 12,000 pet crocodiles in the first few months of this struggling to compete with less-regulated markets. Skin an wildlife group, Profauna: Profauna started the pet year hunting was banned.

snapped up the more hucra-tive option. "The demand for skins was too little so we for their skins in 1992, only switched to pets, which are more profitable," said the owner, Juan Carlos Alvarez. "International demand for Venezuelan crocodile skins is very small — it is a question of fashion," said Mirna Quero As soon as the crocodiles hatch, little longer than a ballpoint pen, they can be exported for about £10 each. In of Profauna. "But in the United States and the Far East, people go crazy for crocthe US, which takes 80 per cent of them, they sell for many times that. Spain and odiles as pets." With strict controls stop-Germany make up Europe's

exotic pet market. Together, the crocodiles can eat two 771b donkeys

every fortnight. "These animals will never be domesticated," the farm manager, Ivan Pineda, said After three years the crocodiles are about 20ins long, at which point the company recommends they go to zoos.

They don't want to disclose about Mr Leung before his anything," a committee mem-

questions. He hid everything which departments we spoke to in relation to Mr Leung's case," he said. Mr Lam began with a state-

Unsatisfied, the committee ordered him to appear again for further questioning on De-cember 5, together with his secretary and four senior bureaucrats, including the head of security. Mr Patten may be summoned later.

The committee also asked for Mr Lam's office diary. An earlier request for all docu-ments relating to Mr Leung's resignation yielded only two letters and a press release

"It seems extraordinary that in the whole of the gov-ernment there is no record of Leung's daughter was mur-dered in January 1993. She ber said.

A long Adios to Congress

Christopher Reed in Los Angeles

HE Californian congressman reviewed his apparent defeat with a few well-chosen words: "It stinks to high heaven. It's voter fraud, gay money and filegal aliens," he roared.

trailing by a few hundred votes with nearly all the ballots counted in the prosper-ous Orange county seat he

has held for 19 years. To add insult, his Hispanic rival, Loretta Sanchez, aged 36, has already claimed vic-tory and left for Washington. White House this year. He

Mr Dornan, nicknamed B-1 Bob after his support for the locally manufactured bomber. is a former fighter pilot who always speaks in a shout. He is known for embracing government-subsidised defence contracts while castigating welfare-dependent Americans.

His imminent defeat is one of the biggest upsets of the US elections: last time he won 57 per cent of the vote. His support has melted

away as the district - which once had more branches of the rightwing John Birch Society than the rest of California put together --- has at-Vietnamese.

With about 1,300 ballot papers still to be counted, Ms Sanchez leads by 665 votes. Mr Dornan has threatened to sue her for electoral irregu-

larities, claiming that she is a liar and has "tampered with the electoral process". "Would she have won if her

name was Larry Stafford?" b said.

"What beat me was that -Robert Dornan, aged 63, the rightwing Republican con-gressman from Anaheim, is than any race in history." than any race in history." The federal election commission has found no evidence to support his claims. Mr Dornan, an occasional stand-in for the radio show host Rush Limbaugh, had

> had to withdraw when he received little support in the primaries. Some Washington politi-

clans say they will miss him. They do not include Barney Frank, the openly gay Demo-crat from Massachusetts, who described Mr Dornan as 'seriously disturbed".

President Bill Clinton will not be sad either: Mr Dornan was once suspended from the House of Representatives for accusing him of being a traitor in avoiding military

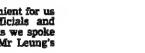
Ms Sanchez herself called it all a typical Dornan outburst tracted more Hispanics and and, in the harshest farewell, added simply: "Adios."

Venezuelan crocodiles devour exotic pet market trade to save Venezuela's Agropecuaria Kiubo, which runs Guacharaca, quickly

ment denying unspecified "al-legations in the press", but said nothing to end speculation of a potentially explosive scandal in the final months of British rule. His replies only deepened

the mystery surrounding Mr Leung. The governor, Chris Patten, says Mr Leung quit "for personal reasons" an explanation that has encouraged allegations and gossip. The speculation has centred on a possible connec-tion with China, but has also extended to London and Brit-

"It is not convenient for us to say which officials and ber, Yum Sin-Ling, said. "He did not answer many essential





A man wrapped in a Belarussian flag demonstrates in support of parliament, locked in a standoff with the president, outside its building in Minsk PHOTOGRAPH: SERGE GRUES

Belarus leader inflames crisis

David Hearst in Moscow Jonathan Steele and Reuter in Minsk

HE president of Belarus threatened last night to renege on a Russian-me-diated deal to end his country's political crisis if parlia-ment — which has accused him of seeking dictatorial powers through a referendum that culminates tomorrow —

fails to ratify it. "If you do not pass this resolution into law, I will be forced to return to the situation as it was the day before yesterday," Alexander Lukashenko warned deputies, who have accused their leadership of a sell-out in agreeing to compromise with him.

As the Russian president, Boris Yeltsin appeared on television to proclaim victory for the deal mediated by his prime minister, deputies in Belarus were tearing up the agreement and refusing to ratify it.

President Lukashenko last night gave the rebellious par-liament two hours to agree to Mr Lukashenko has refused

But many deputies were baving none of it. After two weeks of voting — and heavy vote-rigging — the referen-dum is certain to give Presi-dent Lukashenko a resounding win. This will allow him to say

that he has popular backing to demand a new constitution which weakens parliament and continues the mandate of the presidency until 2001. He will also have a natural majority on the commission.

Communists, social demo crats and liberals urged parliament to continue with its impeachment bid, as Mr Sharetsky sat exhausted A social democratic deputy, Pavel Znavets, said: "We must declare impeachment -God has given us one last

Mikhail Sazon, a middle aged factory worker, who stood wrapped in a Belarus-sian flag with a small group of demonstrators in Independence Square early yesterday, said: "The president is a liar. He should have been pushed

drew 17 decrees which

Julian Borger reports on a new bullish mood in Belgrade and Zagreb

New nerve to Balkan protests

violation of basic democratic HE Serbian government was trying to weather an onslaught of sustained street protests last night, led by opposition parties which have accused the ruling socialists of blatant election rigging. in the fifth day of demonstrations in Serbian cities. about 1,000 students marched through the centre of Belgrade in support of the main opposition coalition, Zajedno (Together). The previous day 20,000 Za-

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principles and unscrupulous trampling of elementary homan rights". In the central industrial town of Nis, which Zajedno claims to have won, the electoral commission tipped the balance on the city council to the SPS by awarding them extra seats because of unspec-ified voting "irregularities". The British ambassador,

the next two days. If the authorities hand more victories to the ruling party, further protests are almost certain. So far, cordons of riot police have looked on as the demon-strators marched past. During street protests in 1991, they attacked the protesters with batons and water-can-

This number of people hasn't been seen in Zagreb for five years. But we are not so naive to think this is a final victory' jedno supporters staged the biggest protest seen in the

atia, triggered when the Za-greb authorities tried to close down the country's last inde-

pendent radio station. In both former Yugoslav republics, communist rule has been replaced by a hybrid

capital for five years. Zajedno has claimed victory in 15 of the 18 largest towns in Serbia in the local elections last Ivor Roberts, stepped into the nons, and tanks were de-onstrators took to the streets of Zagreb on Thursday night jedno leaders in which he ex-iedno leaders in which he exincided with anti-government protests in neighbouring Cro-

Ivor Roberts, stepped into the row, addressing a letter to Za-jedno leaders in which he ex-pressed concern at "the un-certainty and allegations over the results of the Serblan mu-nicipal elections". "I have personally con-veyed our concerns to the au-thorities here at the highest levels," he wrote. The Serbian Socialist Party (SPS) conceded defeat in Belgrade and the northern town of Novi Sad, but elsewhere electoral commissions suspended the declaration of

inal results, provoking fury among opposition leaders, who threatened civil strife. levels," he wrote. "In particular I urged that any irregularities should be dealt with promptly and in ac-

of democracy and authoritarlanism, characterised by strict state control over the cordance with the law."

Zajedno leaders said they ties and government relucexpected final rulings from tance to accept opposition election commissions within electoral gains, even at local evel. In Croatia. President Franjo Tudiman has rejected a string of opposition candi-dates for the job of Zagreb mayor, overruling support from a clear majority in the city council. An estimated 100,000 dem-

to offer moral support.

greb electorate took part in the protest. We really are talking about 'people power' here." sold one Zagreb-based media, weak opposition par-

diplomat. The governing Croatian Democratic Linion (HDZ) has retreated, saving Radio 101 will be free to bid for a renewed franchise. But the radio's management rejected the compromise vesterday, calling for an automatic

renewal "What happened proves the people of Zagreb and Croatia are not going to put up with everything," said Zrinka Vra-bec-Mojzes, the station's editor.

"This number of people was not seen in Zigreb for five years. But we are not so naive as to think that this will a

final victory." • President Tudiman was dependence in 1991 — to pro-test at an attempt to close down Radio 101, a popular station broadcasting a mix of due to return home today after medical treatment in Washington, state television reported yesterday. US sources said the 71-year old

music, news and irreverent talk-shows. Significantly, many sol-diers and war veterans tele-phoned the embattled station president was being treated for stomach cancer. State media said he had "digestive "A quarter of the total Za- problems".

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In a statement issued yes-terday, student leaders said PHOTOGRAPH: SERGE GRITS they were protesting at "the



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Britain agrees to Israeli dialogue

lan Black Diplomatic Editor BRITAIN and Israel are to begin a regular "strategic dialogue" to boost military co-opera-tion and exchange assess-ments on Middle Bastern rogues" such as Iraq and

lran. Yitzhak Mordechai, Isra-el's defence minister, has finalised details with the defence secretary, Michael Portillo. and the first ses-sion is to be held in Tel Aviv in January. It will include talks be-tween senior officials on operational doctrine, the

future battlefield and terrorism.

The two countries already co-operate in these areas, but the dialogue is intended to upgrade the exchanges and encourage growing links between

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improved. Mr Mordechai mean-while announced that agreement on the West Bank town of Hebron, due to be evacuated by Israel under the Oslo accord with the PLO, was now only "days away". He insisted no new settlements were being planned in the West Bank, although existing ones could be expanded. Visiting London for the first time, Mr Mordechai has been forced to cope with the chilled relations even in friendly countries. which have emerged since the election victory of the Likud leader Binyamin

their respective defence in-dustries and intelligence

ommunities. British officials said dis-

cussions were held on a wide range of bilateral and geopolitical topics" and acknowledged that con-

tacts with Israel had

Netanyahu. But Israeli sources angrily denied reports that Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, had given Mr Mordechai a blunt warning over settlement policy. They accused For-eign Office officials of deliberately hostile media briefing. Mr Rifkind's private secretary later telephoned the Israeli ambassador, Moshe Raviv, to apologise and to explain that the foreign secretary was "very cross" at the reports.

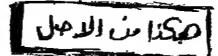
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A mandarin who refused to grovel

rather it was "collegiate".

Bancroft: accused ministers

the former head of the Civil Service, who has died aged 73, was the epitome of the Establishment manda rin: cautious, precise to the point of fastidiousness, and fighting to the end to try to

Lord Bancroft

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preserve Whitehall's tradi-tional values. His death truly marks the passing of an era, made more poignant by the present controversy over the abuse of civil servants for

He warned 10 years ago about what he called the subtle and insidious dangers of Civil Service politicisation. "The dangers," he said, "are of the younger people, seeing that advice which ministers want to hear falls with a joyous note on their ears they [will] trim, make their advice what ministers want to hear rather than what they need to know."

It all started with Margaret Thatcher: the prime minister and Bancroft, her chief mandarin, were like chalk and cheese, in personal chemistry as much as outlook. He paid due deference to his political master, and recognised that the mandarinate needed some shaking-up — "we were stun-ningly good at re-inventing the wheel," he conceded. But he also made clear that, in his view, Thatcher was under-mining the central job of the politically-neutral Civil Service to give objective advice to ministers without fear or favour. "Conviction politi-cians, certainly," he said. "conviction civil servants, about what he called the high "grovel count" among both officials and ministers under

the Thatcher Government. An episode early in her Downing Street reign pro-vides an illuminating insight into Bancroft's world at the pinnacie of his official career. Worried about the friction between Thatcher and the mandarin class, Willie Whitelaw arranged an informal encounter between the PM and the

Michael Burchill Letters: Alger Hiss and Abdus Salam shaken by what they regarded as her hectoring tone which ters praising civil servants; they were entirely unused to. they did so, he observed. The point about Woodstock N230099 = TCHARL Burchill, who Wahas died aged 65 was an totally failed to deflect the Government from its chosen As Sir Frank Cooper, then "through gritted teeth" permanent secretary at the In a letter to the Times Ministry of Defence, left to shortly after Thatcher imopera singer, a variety per-former, an actor. production manager, and scenery course. Outraged by minis-ters' contemptious dismissal of the considered view of the relieve himself, one of his posed a trade union ban at the colleagues remarked to an GCHQ Intelligence gathering Natalia Schiffrin writes: I were published we were good first met Alger Hiss (obituary November 18) when I was in my final year of university, in 1985. We were introduced by a mutual friend. Alger was no generation gap. I would go often with him and by a mutual friend. Alger was in the total in the set in t builder, responsible for the first met Alger Hiss (obituary November 18) when I was in my final year of university, in 1985. We were introduced by a mutual friend. Alger was Upper House, but undaunted, Ian at once launched a new sets for many West End theatres and television other: "Thank God! Frank's | centre in January 1984, he gone to get the SAS to get us said he did not know snough out of here." According to about the harm done by selecshows. campaign to encourage the Professor Peter Hennessy, author of a magisterial study of Whitehall, the evening meeting ended abruptly at 10pm when Thatcher said: liked limiting civil liberties great and the good to testify to the new select committee A Londoner, he started as an opera singer touring with by the sea in East Hampton, and always when together I would read aloud to Alger the after so much damage had working on his memories American History, University ate his claim that Chambers the Carl Rosa company, and that like many others he dis-liked limiting civil liberties and added: "What is beyond been done to the Northcote-Trevelyan principles of more but, eyesight failing, was looking for someone to help spent three years as a bari-tone with the Royal Corps of of Sheffield, writes: John Lowenthal's note (November carried out "forgery by typewriter". him type up his manuscript. As a history student, I jumped at the chance. Signals band. He often recorded with the band and New York Times, or a chap-'Gentlement Your cars are than a century earlier. 21) to your obituary of Alger By now seriously ill with a debilitating cancer, Ian never Hiss misses the point about the Woodstock typewriter. dispute is that the handling has been breathtakingly ter from a book. John Ziman Emeritus Profeswaiting." It was not long before Ban-croft was deprived of his offi-Our reading sessions were or of Physics, Bristol Univeroften guested with it in later gave up his hope that in its next, more wide-ranging review (which he did not ex-pect to see), the committee would begin the process of sity, writes: To Anthony Tucker's splendid obituary of Abdus Salam (November 23) you could add the following years. During the 1950s, he sang in the then hugely popuinept: a further example of the bloody fool branch of management science." Together we worked through his life, chapter by interrupted frequently by At the very start of the case, Hiss had handed his both of us, in order to discuss cial car and his post. In 1981 Thatcher abolished his Civil management science." He had strong convictions lar summer shows, in places like Weston-Super-Mare and chapter, starting with a sum-mer he had spent in Giverny world affairs. Always a hot topic was whether one should lawyers family letters from the 1930s. Later, when Whit-Service Department and with it, the self-standing post of Head of the Home Service. as a young man, through his aervice in the New Deal, his memories of Eleanor Roose-velt and Oliver Wendell Holmes, the bombing of Pearl of his own. A year ago in the Guardian, be delivered a vote for whichever neo-contaker Chambers produced comment: Abdus Salam had Morecambe copies of State Department papers it became clear they had been typed on the same mana. If he took you by the elbow, and said "John I want restoring in modern form the public service tradition to He also became an adept servative Democrat was running for election, in the Bancroft was educated at Coatham School, Cleveland, straight man, and, from the stinging attack on the Gov-ernment, accusing ministers which he had been passion-ately committed all his life. hopes of voting out the Republican (me: no, Alger: late 1950s, a cabaret singer as machine. Wednesday," you went — even if you had planned to be a wave of new clubs opened and won a scholarship to Bal-liol College, Oxford. He of opening the way to corrup tion by undermining the cen While Hiss was telling a grand jury and two trial ju-ries he had forgotten what he around Manchester. Thus too did he make several appear-Harbor (Alger worked in the far eastern division of the His unmistakeably valedicserved in the Rifle Brigade in the second world war and tral pillar of the century-old tradition of fair and open competition untainted by potory letter to some trusted colleagues and contacts, urg-I never ceased to be astonin Singapore. ished at how modern Alger State Department at the That personal willpower, ances in early Coronation Street episodes. After a spell ished at how modern Alger was, interested in young people and the world around him, with a raxor sharp-mind and memory — into his nimeties. His death brings with it the inevitable rehashing of Stock typewriters and per-haps for many who did not know Alger, the question of his innocence will never be painted the words "St James" Infirmary Blues" — he was a ing them to submit evidence, ended: "I believe that the time), his role in the found-ing of the United Nations. We talked about his life applied to political and scien-tific notables alike, created as a production manager he decided to form his own scenlitical bias fan of Louis Armstrong - on Lord Bancroft is survived committee will have a critical and sustained the Internaery-building company. He leaves a wife, Rhona, two daughters and two sons. role to play, if only for a future generation; the Northand about American history, tional Centre for Theoretical by his wife, Jean, two sons his Bren gun carrier. He joined the Treasury in 1947, and soon embarked on the traditional route to the top as private secretary to Physics. He was not always but it was with some trepidation that I broached the subcote-Trevelyan report of this wise: but all who met him ject of his case. He discussed it openly and answered all my questions; later, as I read the books written about him, me discussed there too knew that he was truly great century. Michael Dynan and good. (Professor Ziman directed three successive Chancellors, Sir Brien Barder writes: I first including Jim Callaghan, who knew Ian Bancroft when he an Powell Bancroft Lord teaching and research in Con-densed Matter Physics at ICTP from 1966 to 1979). Michael Burchill, actor, born Bancroft, civil servant, born April 13, 1931, died November 3, 1995 later described Bancroft as was a young Assistant Secre-my strong right arm for tary in the Cabinet Office in November 19, 1995 December 23, 1922; died we discussed those too. By the time his memoirs found commitment to their faith? The ethical monothelan Blandford, 41: Jan Botham initially praised him for his tions that will surround the Weekend Birthdays Face to Faith ricketer, 41; Lynn Chadhonesty and then castigated start of the new millennium: it of Islam may seem austere to some people, but there is so much in the teaching of the Qur'an which is gentle and wick, sculptor, 82; Willy is vital that a spiritual element him when he told them what Claes, former Secretary-Gen eral, Nato, 58; Beryl Cooper is at the centre of all the events. We need to promote the symhe honestly thought of them Better to travel together and nationalism. A national QC, crown court recorder, 69; Elisabeth Fisher, circuit we need to promote the system pathetic affirmation of other faiths. Criticism of them is easy because we are dealing with the alignation everyone treasure. compassionate showing Mo-hammed's generosity towards judge, 52; Geraldine Fitzger ald, actress, 83; David Kos-Today's birthdays: Jerry than go it alone Bock, composer, 68; Anne Burns, former gliding chamhis enemies, his commitment feels when confronted with strangeness and difference. We need more books of the kind John Macquarrie has jus written, The Mediators, in soff, actor, 77; Gen Sir Richto almsgiving and his care for the weak and unfortunate. We are on a journey together pion, 81; John Cole, political commentator, 69; John Coullard Lawson, former commander-in-chief, Allied Forces, Northern Europe, 69; Bill Michie, Labour MP, 61; and we live in a world where the world of faiths jostle side ing, former chairman, Lon-don Philharmonic Orchestra, Those words of St Paul resofriendship grew. His influence nste with my own beliefs and it has been one of my privileges since becoming Archbishop of Canterbury to meet with many George Carey on Gandhi was as profound as Gandhi's influence on him. 72; Michael Gough, actor, 79; Shane Gould, Olympic swim-Prof Sir Claus Moser, statisby side. We are able to choose which be reviews great relitician, former chairman, Cogious leaders including Moses Zoroaster, Lao-Tzu, Buddha, to walk together in harmony or to jockey for position NE OF MY heroes is The theology of both was mer, 41; Sir John Hermon, former chief constable, RUC, WHEN Billy Connolly (54 vent Garden, 74; Charles Os-C F Andrewes. 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ORD BANCROFT, the former head of the Civil Service, who has died aged T3, was the epitome tary at the Department of the Environment and in 1978, a the late 1950s and early 1950s, serving among many other things as secretary-general to a number of Lancester House independence conferences in the heyday of British de-co-lonisation. I was the most interests, he revealed to his of these, and became an in-

comments about his private interests, he revealed to his department's staff newsletter, that one of his favourite writof these, and became an in-stant devotes of his shrewd-ness, pistol-shot mind, ironic and scholarly wit and, per-haps most striking, his way with words and gift for the stunning (often lethal) ers was the author of the Dance to the Music of Time books. "I actually believe as I get older," Bancroft said, "that life is very much like the Anthony Powell novels in

A few years later, after he had reached the top of the Civil Service ladder, we bethe Aninony rowen noves in that you keep meeting the same people over and over again but under different cir-cumstances." He insisted, however, that the Civil Ser-vice was not "Mafia-like." came near-neighbours when I moved to Putney, and I got to know Ian and Jean as a de-lightful, funny, sharp couple whom everyone in the neigh-

Hannessy quotes from a lec-ture Bancroft gave in praise of a former colleague. "I was trained in the Treasury for bourhood knew, liked and respected. They were helpful, courteous and hospitable, wholly without side, despite good or ill." said Bancroft, "by a man who still ferociously (in Ian's case) a dry, rather donnish manner attractively pursues the public good. He showed me ... why the Sersalted with self-mockery. Then, more recently, when I had followed Ian into retirevice belongs neither to politi-

ment (not in my case facili-tated by a commendable in-ability to get on with Mrs Thatcher), I drew his attention to a barely perceptible announcement of the Government's intention to privatise Recruitment and Assessment Services (RAS), the public service body responsible for selection and recruitment of the senior levels of the Civil Service

Ian, eloquently appalled by this new vandalism, at once launched a strenuous campaign in the House of Lords and in the media to obstruct and if possible to frustrate the project. His generalship achieved a spectacular 21 defeat of the Government in the Lords in March 1996 on the

clans nor to officials but to the issue, the subsequent cre-ation of a new House of Lords Crown and to the nation." Bencroft, once described by a Civil Service union leader select committee on the pub-lic service, and a unanimous report by the committee con-cluding that, since the case for privatising RAS had not as "smooth as monumental alabaster," described himself as "inclined by temperament

and training to understate-ment." Yet he could be enter-tainingly and purposefully sharp; he once heard minisbeen made, ministers should think again. He displayed in the process rare political skills that cast an interesting light on his public service career, but permanent secretaries. They were on the defensive,



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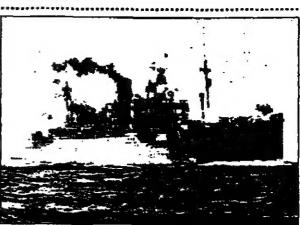
convoy HX 84 from Halifax,

warships. None the less Captain Feby a returning merchantman from the convoy the next day. n put up a sm

OBITUARIES 7

Commander R A G Butler

Into battle ... 'Rags' Butler and the Jervis Bay, the merchantman which attacked the German battleship Admiral Scheer head-on. The young British sailor directed the fire of his three guns aft before his position took a direct hit



Midshipman who took on an Admiral

of seven 6-inch guns barely mustered a third of the range of the much faster Scheer's modern 11-inch action between the mer-chant cruiser Jervis Bay and the German pocket bat-tleship Admiral Scheer in guns, this gesture could

The Jervis Bay was one of only serve as a diversion; 46 large mercantile ships converted to "armed merthe Jervis Bay would have achieved as much unarmed. chant cruisers" (AMC) with a Royal Navy crew and a handful of 5-inch guns, range-finding salvoes be-fore demolishing the Jervis often of Victorian vintage, because of the desperate ahortage of convoy escorts in the first months of the ing Fegen's right arm. Mid-shipman Butler was on the

marine equipment and with a primitive range-were also sitting ducks for finder. His position too surface raiders like the Scheer. They stood a chance of success against a unscathed.

But the Jervis Bay, under Captain ESF Fegen, RN. was all that could be spared ler to make sure every man was aware of it before returning to his post. His ship lay dead in the water to escort the 37 ships of Nova Scotia, to Britain. On within minutes of the attack but stayed afloat for nearly three hours, sinking November 5, 1940 the bulky 14,164-ton merchantman was sighted by the Scheer which had set out on what was to be the most destruconly after dark. By then the convoy had dispersed and the Scheer could sink only five ships totalling 33,000 tons, damtive German surface mis-sion of the war. The 13,660ton warship, under the aging three others which command of Captain Theo-dor Erancke, could outrun or outgan almost all of the were saved. Nearly 200 men of the Jervis Bay, including Fegen, were lost; Butler and 64 others were rescued **Royal Navy's largest**

OMMANDER RAG "Rags" Butler, who has died aged 75, was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross at the age of 19 for his part in the one-sided atlantic, Arctic and Medi-terranean convoys. He was gunnery lieutenant on HMS Intrepid when she was caught and bombed by the Luftwaffe in the Dodeca-nese Islands in September 1943.

Butler was taken pris-oner after his ship capsized but managed to escape his captors and steal a launch. Picked up a second time, be Krancke needed three Bay. The first German hits struck the bridge, shatteragain managed to sneak away and commandeer a boat. The Germans caught him once more; but his afterbridge, directing the fire of the three guns aft third attempt to get away in a stolen boat succeeded. He managed to reach Beirut, and was flown to Cairo. The took a direct hit, killing transport aircraft crashed on landing yet Butler man-aged to clamber out of the others but leaving bim EGEN staggered aft

wreckage unhurt. Offered a bar to his DSC to deliver the order to abandon ship perfor his daring, Butler chose promotion instead and besonally. He told Butcame gunnery officer on a fast minelayer in time for the invasion of Normandy in 1944. He finished the way in the British Pacific fleet and was offered a regular commission.

He retired from the RN in 1967 to join the oil industry. He served on rigs in the Far East for Burmah oil. Commander Butler had two daughters by his first

marriage and one by his second.

Dan Van Der Vat

Ronald Alfred Gardyne ("Rags") Butler, sallor, born June 1921; died October 23, 1995

to me if I preach not the

gospel'.'

Indian Christianity, but also the depths of Hindu saintli-ness in the writings of Rabin-dranath Tagore and the great Muslim, Maulvi Zaki Ullah. A man of action, Andrewes could not do his thinking in his study and spent his life meeting people, challenging them and being challenged. Perhaps the greatest influ-ence on bim was Mahatma

Gandhi whose direct and radical love for the very poor linked Andrewes's Anglo Catholic commitment to incar-national Christianity. They united in common action and from that a real affection and

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as identity, memory and na-tionhood, Andrews believed that religious conversion to an other faith could be a natural discovery of one's true spiritual destiny and should not be forbidden. He wrote to Gandhi "Christ is for me the unique way whereby I have come to . God and have found God, and I cannot help telling others about it whenever I can do so without any compulsion or undue influence. I honour Paul the apostle when he says: Necessity is laid upon me; woe

be challens e challenged by them. Within our different faith traditions our shared human

ity, common spiritual quest and capacity for friendship together with our common longings for peace, acceptance and love, give us a strong basis for dialogue that can then lead to co-operation and common action For instance different faith

communities combined to send aid to those suffering in Bosnia Another area where we can work together is in seeking to shape the celebra-

reat men.

T COSTS Christians very little to say that Mohammed was a great religious leader whose influence on millions has been for the good. We can acknowledge too the ways in which his teaching, and that of our Lord and of the Hebrew scriptures have so much in ommon. We can point with admiration to the uncompro mising devotion to God found in Islam. Who has not seen Muslims praying publicly without admiring their pro-

necessity — neither is it an impossibility — but the answer to the question "How far can we travel together?" is not one we can answer when the journey has only just begun. It is something we shall only discover as we set out

This is an edited extract of the Sir Francis Younghusband Memorial Lecture given by Dr George Carey this week to mark the 60th anniversary of the foundation of the World **Congress of Faiths**

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boldly on the way.

"Sadly, Connolly is destined to become a millionaire, world-wide superstar. He'll probably end up with a season in Las Vegas, a TV series and a lost sense of humour." The News critic was right about the television series — in which our hero is currently touring Australia. But, although he now lives in California, Connolly was always a bit too vulgar for Vegas. And the sense of hu-

Tomorrow's other birthdays: Peter Birse, chairman, Birse Group, 54: David Blakey, chief constable, West Mercia, mour has remained intact, despite the snipings from a Scot-tish tabloid press that 53; Jamie, Marquess of

rian, 87.

tion, 57; Krzysztof Pende-

recki, composer, 63; Diana

Quick, actress, 50; Sir Peter

Saunders, theatrical impre-

sario, 85; Sir Peter Strawson,

metaphysical philosopher, 77;

Anthony Sullivan, rugby league footballer, 28; Nigel

Tranter, novelist and histo-

Death Notices

Friday 22nd November at home. Nother of Andrew, William and Mailloa. Wite of Mi-chael, joweiler and weaver, Family Aneral III Scarborugh Crometrichum on Juesday 35th November at 10.40em, Interment at n. No flowers please to so St Cetterine's Roat

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The sham of **Tory unity**

But no early election - yet

IT HAS taken six weeks for the Conservative Party's latest bout of unity over Europe to fall apart. By recent standards, six weeks is a very long time in Tory politics and the party's strategists should be grateful for small mercies. But the fact remains that the latest conciliaresumed. Odd that one of the first trains through after the shutdown should have been tory effort, which began after John Major's skilful performance at the Bournemouth party conference, has on fire. now been blown apart like all its predecessors.

The immediate reason is the Labour Party's anstarted the journey through the tunnel. After five minutes nouncement last weekend that it will hold a referendum on the single currency if a Labour government decides the train stopped, the lights dimmed and nothing hap-pened. Had we known that to join the Euro group in 1999 or beyond. Labour's decision was a happy combination of principle and tactical advantage. It rightly committed the party to a there was a blazing train a couple of miles further into necessary public campaign to reaffirm Britain's Eurothe bunnel there might have pean commitment if it takes the major step into the single currency. But the immediate reaction of many Conservative backbenchers was that with Labour now Family values adopting the same policy as the Government, it was tactically necessary for the Tories to push further into the Eurosceptic long grass in order to emphasise their leader writer's support (No-vember 22) for the principle scepticism the more. That brought the simmering that people who practise de-ceit in their relationships tensions in the Conservative Party back to the boil, and it was only a matter of time before an issue arose which should be regarded in the would propel the sceptics over the top.

same light as honest people. In the event, the explosion has come over an issue Somebody who marries a woman under false pretences which combines two potent concerns not only of many Eurosceptics but, crucially, of other MPs as well. This and then chooses, every day for 17 years, to maintain a lie crux came in midweek when sceptics broke ranks on as a normal way of living is the Commons backbench European scrutiny committee not a pariner. to join Labour in demanding a full debate on three EU Parinership can only be background documents on transitional moves towards based on mutual honesty and truth between the parties conthe creation of the single currency. This provided an opportunity for the sceptics to push their arch-enemy cerned; if one person is not Kenneth Clarke into the public arena where they could aware of the basis of the relationship, or of something attack him for his support of the three documents. absolutely germane to it, then When the Government refused to allow the debate, there is no partnership: there however, it also became an issue of backbenchers' is only exploitation. rights to hold the executive to account. Within hours, If children are to be told that the liar has the right to contact with them because of a the talk was of rising tides of anger, new outbreaks of civil war, lost votes of confidence and even an early supreme bond built on a lie, general election.

what sort of message will they get about how we think Before everyone gets completely carried away by these exciting possibilities, let us just take stock calmly. uman relationships should There is not going to be an early election. The be conducted? Jean Molloy. Government's majority may be down to a single vote, Theodore Road. but there is little sign that the Conservatives have lost, London SE13. or are about to lose, their control of the House of Commons. The principal reason for this is that Labour The big idea appears not to want to bring the Government down now, even it it could. It showed this by the way that its MAUREEN Plantagenet makes untrue accusations backbenchers stayed away in sufficient numbers to ensure the passage of the Government's post-Dunblane when she says that stealing gun-control legislation this week. But there is also little programme ideas is endemic real sign that the Tory Eurosceptics are ultimately in the BBC (The subject TV willing to bring the Government down either. They are daren't mention, Media, Nogreat talkers and bullies, these Tory Eurosceptics. But | vember 18). She mentions QED

Letters to the Editor

Chunnel comes under fire Three pathetically-defeatist, woolly-liberal ideas on crime

Y fellow bootleg-gers and I were stuck in the train behind the one on fire on Monday evening, Keith Harper (Tell the truth about most an hour? the tunnel fire, November 21) is absolutely correct about lack of communication being

We boarded the train and

WAS disturbed by your

a major problem. Having had a pleasant trip over and a pleasant day shop-ping in Calais, it all started to hours late. Jon Ashe. 84 Ocklynge Road, go wrong at the entrance to the Eastbourne, checking in area of the tunnel for the return journey. We sat

East Sussex BN21 1QA. there for two hours while the French tunnel staff had a wild-cat strike. Many of them are HOSE of us who were to travel on the 12.30 train from Brussels to Waterloo were informed of the "incifacing redundancy and Eurotunnel have allegedly reneged on agreements. At no time did dent" in the tunnel only four minutes before we were to Le Shuffle (as we renamed it) attempt to explain the delay or apologise. Finally the service board the train. We were given three options — a full refund, wait until Wednesday o travel or take pot luck on the train. A rational decision in four

minutes was difficult so we all opted for the train: after all, the word "incident" did not indicate a major problem. We were, however, warned that we might not get home that day. It is abundantly clear now that there existed no contingency plan in the event of severe damage to the tunnel.

risks of boxing to women"

stant stream of medical evi-

sistent brain damage caused

by boxing for over 20 years.

He did so when we reported

two cases of acute intracranial

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soon after bouts) in young,

amateur boxers, aged 17 and 22, who appeared in a Bir-

has persistently ignored the evidence since. As even mini-

It is even more clear that little | READING the news cover-had been done by managebeen widespread panic, so it was unsurprising that no one had been done by managecommunicated with us about this latest hold-up. But then why were we left in the tunnel in these circumstances for al-It could have been worse I

suppose: at least the duty free next. arrived home safely, albeit 12

NOTHING

SERIOUS

OH DON'T WORRY, IT'S

as in our case. Mike Harvey. 5 Constable Ave, Clacton-on-Sea Essex CO168XA

fire, the opinion seems to be that it is a devastating blow to ment in the intervening 12 hours since the incident to Eurotunnel which, after early cope with the stranded passengers. The Eurostar staff were polite but they had no idea what was happening The sensible approach to the problem of stranded passengers was to disperse as many of them as possible by using airports. Instead we were all shunted slowly to Calais and shivered in the snow for 10 to 15 minutes because Eurostar had arranged for six coaches instead of the eight needed to move us all. When

we finally boarded the ferry, my wife and I suffered verbal abuse from day trippers be-cause they thought we were getting preferential delay. treatment. Eurostar condemned all of us to a day of misery when a few phone calls could have en

sured that most of could have flown back and been home ahead of schedule instead of six and a quarter hours late.

teething trouble, had the shut-tle services running with speed and efficiency. Not so. My husband works for a coach company based three miles from the Cheriton terminal and has been using the shuttle, on average, twice a week. From the opening day, over 50 per cent of his journeys have not run smoothly. Below are some examples: October 23 two-hour walt outgoing, three-hour wait returning from France. There was such chaos, the police were on standby as tempers were fraying. October 31: eight-hour November 3 four-hour delay: November 6: two-hour delay.

The staff at the terminal, on the whole, were unhelpful and ill-informed, resorting to the old favourite "technical problems, mate or monsieur"? Janet E Turner. 3 Honeysuckle Cottages. Righ Street Lyminge, Folkestone. Rent CT188EN.

Last words

that it is cheaper and more effective to put young offend-ers on mediation and repar-DAVID Cronenberg's last film, The Naked Lunch, ation schemes than to put hased on a book of the same them through court? The cost of tagging is 18 name by William Burroughs, featured explicit scenes of a lobster having sex with a typewriter. Did that film inspire any copycat incidents? If so, then John Bull etc (Sado-masochist film Crash nasochist film Crash banned. November 21) could be barking up the right tree after all

Andrew Hazlitt. 11 Lynton Road, London N8 8SR.

AS one of a growing num-ber of unemployed Manx graduates, I was very inter-ested to read the comments of the Rt Hon Miles Walker MHK that "... anyone who wants a job can have one" in your article on the forthcomng Manx elections (November 19). Since returning to the island some 18 months ago, and having applied for a wide variety of positions, I have only succeeded in obtaining three temporary jobs, two of which were "McJobs". Con-tentment? I think not. Name and address supplied.

WITH reference to Isabel Hilton's article (A question for you and your maker alone November 14), a new question on religious affiliation will be included in the Census Test on June 15 next year, but the wording has still to be decided. However, the

(when there is close supervi-HE Audit Commission has demonstrated that there is

sion by the Protection Service. Forget worthes about the fost becoming "a traphy" by conta delinquents.

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nothing "systematic" about

the criminal justice system's

response to juvenile crune (£1

billion youth justice system "Is

failing all concerned", Novem-ber 21). There are as many sys-

tems as there are local author-

ities. Each places a different

level of priority on interven-

There is one immediate res-

ponse government could make

Millions of pounds are to be

spent on the proposed secure training centres. First sug-

gested in 1993, these are just the sort of ineffectual, expen-sive response to juvenile crime that the Audit Commission vil-

ifles. The money should be redirected to fund a systematic

approach to juvenile crime, de-

veloping the good practice mentioned in the report.

Clare Sports. Prison Reform Trust,

15 Northburgh Street, London ECIV OAH.

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Let's SIVE BUSICE. GVC VIC tuns a better de al anir prodes 7 the community by copy no: what has already workest Let-employ mediation and oparation under the supervision of committed and well-transmist people and some techne gad one to de one por thing or the them deing one is at one either.

Maurice Price. Director, The Baurin Print -3 Brixton Ruchi, London SW90015.

EARLY intervention focused and disaffected votito: people is essential if we are not to find ourselves continually sharing the stable door instanted addressing the root of the

There is a vast difference between knowing right from wrong and choosing to do the right thing when faced with a challenge. Yet it is often a lack both of suitable opportunities for experiential learning and of a suitable mental to belp show the relevance of the less sons learned to their own lives which idealfies these young people at risk of offending. A combination of these two elements is what early interven tion must seek to provide Nigel Haynes.

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Why Oxbridge comes out tops

wealth many of them have built up over the centuries. K Osama Rahman. School of Economic Studies, University of Manchester. Oxford Road. Manchester MD39PL

INIVERSITIES which are internationally known for their demanding workload, and which require three As at A level rather than two Es, are naturally targeted by recruiters, who know that all degrees are not alike. They know by experience, not prejudice Jane Willis. Parklands Drive, Chelmsford, Essex

A Country Diary

.............................. NORTH PEMBROKESHIRE: The painted stones on Foel Eryr with their memory of Dunblane turned me towards the tops. This, coinciding with

Lean add South Wales, Exmoor, Dartmoor and Glastonbury Tor to this view. If there were painted stones we don't see

them. Home again, the other

For days the hills have been

swathed in low cloud or mist

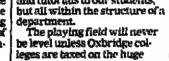
Present tops had to be checked.

THE National Audit Office, according to Rome Office minister David Maclean, is full of "pathetically defeatist" woolly liberals. How else can re explain that, on the same day that the Government introduced electronic tagging for schoolchildren, the NAO says Director, Faurbridge. 1 Westminster Bridge Rouil. London SETTPL

times more than supervision. When does it work? According to Charles Rose of Geografix, the firm in one of the trials,

VOUR article (Oxbridge I class pulls top jobs. Novem-ber 20) forgot to mention that the Government provides Ox-

bridge with almost twice as much funding per student as other universities. Due to an artificial separation of lectures and tutorials between university and colleges at Oxbridge, both university and colleges receive grants By contrast, in Manchester we offer high-quality lectures and tutorials to our students,



summer's Olympics is a tragedy, particularly when they carry the label "Parkinson's

EP-DOCTOR-A punch-up over boxing THE view of Dr Adrian

mal brain shrinkage can now Whiteson that "not enough be seen using magnetic resonance images, perhaps he would like to support (and pro is known about the potential (Outcry over women in the ring, November 19) shows him to be nimble-footed indeed. mote the funding for) such a study, both before, and well after, boxers commence major Dr Whiteson, as medical adbouts for more evidence? viser to the Board of Boxing Control, has withstood a con-The sight of great athletes like Mohammed Ali at this dence of the instant and per-

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disease" as a polite substitute for the real pathology of brain atrophy following multiple blows to the head over a box-

ing career. (Dr) J K Cruickshank. Medical School and Royal infirmary, University of Manchester.

the Commons before the Euro-

mingham hospital in 1979 and Oxford Road. Manchester M139PL.

when it comes to the crunch, most of them will always support the Government, especially in anything that is seen as a confidence vote. The last thing they want is a general election. But then the last thing that either party wants is a general election called in the middle of winter on the old electoral register. If this were late January, it might be another matter. But in late November? No one wants a Christmas election.

Nevertheless it is disgraceful that the Conservatives cannot find a way of allowing a debate on the single currency on the floor of the House of Commons. The disgrace owes something to the Leader of the House's refusal to respond to the vote of the backbench committee. But it is more a question of the ruthless way in which the parliamentary timetable is now being commandeered for purely electioneering purposes. This week, the Government called a full day's debate on the Opposition's policy pledge on the windfall tax to coincide with the launch of its own attack on Labour spending policies. Now the Government is refusing to debate the single currency. The parliamentary agenda, in other words, has been hijacked by Conservative Central Office.

None of the three documents which the backbenchers debated this week is in any sense a surprise. One deals with the legal position of the euro. The second establishes an updated pre-EMU version of the exchange rate mechanism. The third sets out the details by which countries joining the single currency can be compelled to maintain the monetary disciplines which they accepted in order to enter. These are all necessary and integral parts of the implementation of the Maastricht treaty and embody the Government's correct policy of trying to influence the emerging institutions of monetary union while retaining, under the UK opt-out, the option of not joining them. That is the policy on which, six weeks ago. the Conservative Party pretended to be united. This week has confirmed that such unity was an autumn sham.

Service for free

The new bill risks detering volunteers

LIKE every Saturday, volunteers will be turning out in their thousands today to help young people enjoy themselves. Yet a nation which has always prided itself on its millions of volunteers is now seeing some of its traditional sources drying up. Men have become more wary of volunteering for scout or cub activities for fear of being accused of paedophile tendencies; women who have returned to work find themselves with less time for guides or brownies. And now the Government could deter even more with its new Police Bill. Under the Bill, employers are required to screen staff members who work with young people through clearance certificates issued by the new Criminal Records Agency. Although there is no obligation for voluntary organisations to follow suit, the voluntary organisations may have to because of pressure from insurance companies. The cost of a search on each individual is £10, payable by the organisation or the individual. If left to individuals, there will be even fewer volunteers, particularly given the new emphasis on recruiting non-traditional volunteers - unemployed, disabled, elderly - many of whom have little cash. But the cost to voluntary organisations will be huge. A solution is to hand: an amendment to the Bill, tabled this week, which would exempt volunteers from such charges. If ministers are serious about promoting volunteers, they must back this move.

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and a proposal of her own. HERE must be a proper de-With QED, an independently-produced programme was made following a commission separate from, different from, and 18 months later than a proposal submitted by another independent producer. Bernard Clark. Ms Plantagenet's claims about her own proposal — about donor insem ination - have been investisated and are unfounded. She also accuses the BBC of hiding cases of plagiarism, by reference to Mr Clark and Taking Liberties. No interview was filmed with Mr Clark because the programme could

find nothing to support his complaint that one of his ideas had been stolen. Mistakes, though, can occur -as with the episode of Be-tween the Lines to which Ms Plantagenet refers - but that as a rare error. Michael Jackson Controller, BBC1, BBC Television Centre. Wood Lane, London W127RJ.

ments for and against

bate in the Commons on summit. As the real decisionthe EU and the single cur-rency (Major's Euro gamble, November 22), but there should also be a wider debate in the country at large. The Government and the Labour front bench both maintain that the time for a decision on EMU has not yet arrived and cannot be made until all the facts are known. Yet the existence of the three EU documents that came before the standing committee demonstrates that a lot of the ground-

work has been laid. If the British people are to make their decision in a referendum, they must have the facts and time to reflect upon them before casting their wote. The Swedish govern-ment has put together a docu-ment setting out the argu-ments for and against

Revalue the currency of debate

Swedish entry. Why cannot we be given a similar paper? documents. Harry Barnes MP. There is a further reason for having an informed debate in House of Commons, London SWI GAA

making power still rests (alas) with the Council of Ministers, which meets in secret, it is vital that British ministers tell us how they intend to argue and vote when they get there. John Thomson. Croglin Cottage, Friday Lane, Charlton St Peter, Wilts SN9 6EY. YOU report me "helping the Government get off the hook" (20 November) over its scandalous efforts to stifle a Commons debate on the single currency. Observers would be surprised that a left-wing MP would do this and I didn't. I was merely making a procedural point in the committee which was dealing with sevpolicy. eral large bundles of

question will allow for those a visit to the Quantocks youth hostel, we set off for the hills. who do not have a religious Our path ran through beech affiliation as well as those who do. If the question is intrees shouting their golden cluded in the 2001 Census, the Census Offices will consider in 1998 whether it should be compulsory or voluntary. J M Dixie. Office for National Statistics, Segensworth Road, Titchfield, Fareham, Hants PO15 SRR. HE British Casino Assoc-iation would like to make it clear that your allegation of an 28 million donation to the Conservative Party (Secret Blair fund backed by watch-dog, November 19) is ground-

less. None of the 118 casinos we represent make political contributions as a matter of Brian Lemon. General Secretary, British Casino Association. tract magnificent of hilly

29 Castle Street, Reading, Berks RG1 75L sea." More prosaically, you

Uninviting. The word changed. The automnal warmth charged, but the glories to the sun. They had been allowed to grow as they wished. The only impediment skies were clear. Brithant sun seemed to be a flow of under-ground water which had the turned into burnished russef gleams as clouds of hall stones hacked around us. Staggering ect of distorting some of their limbs. Instead of growing up to the light, they took sudunder wind, and sharp pieces of ice, we put our backs to the west wind -- and there in front den, sharp turns downwards towards the ground. Leaving them behind, I was reminded was a vibrant rainbow growing into completeness, sum of Coleridge. Thanks to an moning up a double before the sun swished away under anunfortunate accident (Sara Coleridge accidentally empother onsiaught. The clarity of tied boiling milk over her husthe colours was enough to give you visions of angels. We looked around some of the band's feet) he had to stay at home whilst the Lambs and Wordsworths walked these other tops - the weather prehills. He wrote: "This lime-tree bower my prison" with "Now, cluded a complete survey but found nothing. Next day. my friends emerge beneath the wide, wide heaven and view again the many-steepled the hills were covered in white, a slippy mixture of snow and hall. Our gentle autumn had gone, replaced by the cold urgency of winter. fields and meadows, and the AUDREY INSCH

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The train takes the strain, we'll take the risk

Mark Lawson

TEWERS of Tuesday night's edition of Newsnight must briefly have wondered if the comedian Chris Morris

dustry equivalent of Tony Benn's celebrated claim on - whose new series had been removed from that night's chedules by Channel 4 on the the nights of Labour election defeats that socialism could not be said to have failed begrounds that his spoots and practical jokes on public figures were thought too vicious cause it had never been tried. The same, it seemed, was true of the de-coupling system on - had retaliated by turning up in satirical character on

the main rival channel. A man introduced as "Rob-ert Malpas, co-chairman of Eurotunnel" had come into the studio to discuss subterranean safety in the light of Monday's freight-train accident. Peter Snow suggested that, given an inferno in which many people had suf-fered smoke-inhalation inju-ries, safety procedures did not seem to have worked. "I wouldn't say they don't seem to have worked," Mai-pas demurred. "They don't

specific surveys a de-coupling system?" in the Malpas class, advanced was a de-coupling system?" in the Malpas class, advanced in the same strategy by arguing that been. "And that didn't that the accident should be seen as "a satisfactory test of seen as "a satisfactory test of the same strategy systems". existing security systems". And yet, while Eurotunnel invites cynicism on linguistic viewee, "It wasn't used," Malpas prefered to say, making little fluttering gestures with his left hand to indicate the grounds, the company has considerable claim to sympa-

importance of imprecise lan-thy for its predicament. After an accident in which no one felt, might soon become as celebrated in the language as the Malapropism. This was the transport-in-Safety Authority) for several

days, while the passenger ser-vice, which was not even involved in the accident, remains blocked. The Con-sumers' Association has called for the removal of Eurotunnel's licence to run passenger trains.

Eurostar trains. We generally think of such Compare that with the happy fate of the airline TWA which — four months after scoring 230 undersea corpses linguistic hair-splitting - or "spin" - as a phenomenon of electoral politics: an occasionto Eurotunnel's zero remains in full operation and, indeed, was not forced to canally entertaining but arid game with few human consegame with the human conse-quences. But have was spin-doctoring applied to a situa-tion in which actual doctors had been involved. Politics has rotted our culture, and we have come to a world in cel a single flight after the disaster - and will not be required to do so even if an explanation for its own rather serious failure of safety sys-tems is never found. Nor have have come to a world in which the senior personnel in any international airlines

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the time in the way one might have expected." Turning to specific train-safety measures, Snow asked: "There though not quite a euphemist flown worryingly close to a specific train-safety measures, Snow asked: "There though not quite a euphemist flown worryingly close to a specific train-safety measures, Snow asked: "There though not quite a euphemist flown worryingly close to a specific train-safety measures, Snow asked: "There though not quite a euphemist flown worryingly close to a specific train-safety measures, Snow asked: "There though not quite a euphemist flown worryingly close to a specific train-safety measures, Snow asked: "There though not quite a euphemist flown worryingly close to a specific train-safety measures, Snow asked: "There though not quite a euphemist flown worryingly close to a specific train-safety measures, Snow asked: "There though not quite a euphemist flown worryingly close to a specific train-safety measures, Snow asked: "There though not quite a euphemist flown worrying trains the specific train-safety measures, Snow asked: "There though not quite a euphemist flown worrying trains the specific train-safety measures, Snow asked: "There though not quite a euphemist flown worrying trains the specific trains the specific train-safety measures, Snow asked: "There though not quite a euphemist flown worrying trains the specific trains the s flown worryingly close to a military missile over Turkey, got away with a mild apology and a declaration, not submitted to independent scrutiny,

that passengers had not been in any danger, rather than a commercial closedown. This is not to exonerate Eurotunnel. Its safety proce-dures should clearly be examined, and there is a compelling argument that the use of lattice-sided wagons on the freight routes (against much advice) placed profit before safety. Yet airlines routinely promote revenue ahead of protection, a tactic which is unaffected by regular cata-strophic crashes. There was a nearly undeniable argument after the Lockerble disaster

for the installation of explosive sensitive scanners in all major airports and a reasonable case for the use of bombproof baggage pallets on board. Yet these precautions have been ignored on the

banned this week by West-minster council, the frequent real-death traffic fatalities have never led Peter Snow or

So why, in the matter of regarded by all but a few Lib-eral Democrat cyclists as a transportation safety, should there be one rule for beneath the Earth and one rule for necessary evil. The shortage of viable alternatives leads above it? The first explanation is psychological. Eurotunnel have been victims this week of human superstition about en-closed spaces, the natural human claustrophobia which afflicts even those in whom it is not a medical condition. Il-

expiring underground like a mole. Yet, in fact, as British lorry drivers learned first ble, the companies operating hand this week, you have the Channel Tunnel have clrather more chance of survivfectively been asked to proing a fire in the tunnel than duce a risk-free form of one in the air corridor. There travel, a requirement to

is no evacuation safety tunnel in the sky. Eurotunnel also has a cul-tural problem. Debt-ridden

For, even before the inven-tion of the wheel, there was the risk of infected blisters from too much walking. Robert Malpas's disaster spin may have been amusing, but it would be even funnier

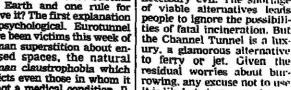
if, the Channel Tunnel having been undermined by a hysterical reaction to one of the very few zero-fatality serious accidents in the history of transportation, passengers will be forced to prefer the lethal highways, the bloodstained ferry routes, and the

which no other transport op-

erator has ever been held.

grounds of cost. And, although a fictional depiction of highway may-hem (the movie Crash) was There is a general sense, which sections of the media perhaps unconsciously reflect, of wanting it to flounder. "I wouldn't say they don't which the senior personnel in any international antificulty is that seem to have worked," Mai-pas demurred. "They don't have been trained in, or to spite the recent mid-air incin-seem to have been applied at have developed instincts for, eration of more than 500 or the continued viability of never strictly called for. The homiculal skies.

and a magnet for bad public-ity, it has become in British business life a sort of corpo-rate Duchess of York, seemingly forever on the edge of embarrassment or ruin,



it is likely to be persuasive. logically, we seem to feel hap-pier about the risk of dying like a bird at 33,000 feet than Because their project was not strictly necessary, invites morbid suspicion and cannot be regarded as technologically or historically inevita-

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A rough ride on the second and se



Martin Woollacott

THE Germans know their bus-iness? That is the German question which matters most to other Europeans. The road to a single currency and be-youd has become a German road, or at least a road on which the traffic is mar-shalled by Germany. Have they thought it through, have they weighed alternatives, are they sufficiently aware of their neutropy difficulties their partners' difficulties as well as their own, are they imposing conditions which may

It is not surprising that Europeans should seek reas-surance, even if the need for that reassurance is yet an-other burden on a country under strain. Monetary union has come to be presented not only as desirable and worth-while but as essential. if while but as essential if Europe is not to go into irre-versible decline. This magnif-ication is relatively new. When the idea of a single cur-rency was first raised in ear-nest, the motive was largely political. It was a French plan

political if was a French plan to root Germany in Europe in the partod after the fall of the Soviet Union and German reunification. In the years since, the idea that the single Currency is also the essential element in restoring Europe's competitiveness and solving the unemployment crisis has the unemployment crisis has come more to the fore. In Germany, the globalis-ation debate which has, in the

is especially responsible. It proposes to forge a renewal of European competitiveness as a necessary act of European words of one academic, "sud-dealy erupted here" has sub-sumed the monetary union de-bate. Conversations about dership. It is connetitiveness and monetary union almost in-variably begin with a long pre-amble on privileges that can the reform of the social state which have become the dom-

monetary union, the single market and the controlled deregulation that will produce "more flexible wages and salaries according to region, industry or company concerned." In this Europe. "if we want to win the fight against unem-

European monetary union. Germany has pulled together, as aspects of a single super-problem, the need to ployment, in the long run monetary union is the only answer." What is worrying about this grand chain is that restore competitiveness, the completion of unification with Germans may be paying too little attention to the experthe move to Berlin, the restoinfle attention to the exper-ience of Anglo-Saxon countries, as well as falling to contemplate the possibility that even the most radical cuts in social costs will not be enough to restore competitive-ness in a world where, for instance, Czech labour is eight times less expensive than Ger-man. or that even if high ration of national freedom of action in such matters, for instance, as the despatch of troops abroad, and European monetary and political union. And, while there is occasional emphasis on the French or-igins of the single currency idea, Germany also sees the achievement of monetary union under the right condiman, or that even if high growth figures are once again achieved, it will be growth of the now familiar jobless or near-jobless kind. Germany al-ready sees the colocidence of tions as something for which it, more than other countries, record export and record unemployment levels.

All this before one even be-gins to examine the difficul-ties associated with monetary have become the dom-base become the dom-elements in Germany's low labour mobility and the thing as society. Well, there

more unequal society than it used to be. Its business class has begun to pay itself more even as workforces are reduced, and stands revealed, in a number of recent cases, as more corrupt and less compe-tent than its previous image suggested. Firms are straining

to break out of the institutions of national bargaining, unions are struggling with falling membership. Chancellor Helmut Kohl has shown recent signs of impa-tience with industrial chiefs who accepted union renunc-ization of wage increases but iztion of wage increases but have failed to provide the ad-ditional jobs they were sup-posed to produce in return. It is perhaps another straw in the wind that Jürgen Schreupp, the Daimler-Benz chairman who had champi-oned Anglo-Saxon-style "showhold rubus" and hel "shareholder values" and led a campaign to cut sick pay, has made a notable retreat, calling in a speech for Germany to stay this side of a "threatening transition from a consensus to a confrontation society." Professor Ulrich

Beck recalls that

still is in Germany. We should learn from Great Britain and have not Thatcherism." It is the somewhat erratic progress of Germany, tempted by "shareholder values" and then pulling back to reaffirm the importance of social peace, that is worrying. It would be better if Germany were more in command of the situation, particularly as the disciplines it insists should be imposed on Europe as a whole are bound to at least perpet nate unemployment and, in an only slightly preferable alternative, to enlarge the strata of low-paid jobs. At the end there is the idea that German and European standards of productivity and quality will in-tersect with lower wages and social costs to produce sale-able goods and services and relatively full employment at a point that is not too uncom-

fortable. But this appears to be an act of faith rather than calculation. Europe has valued Germany for its industrial ef-Germany for its industrial ef-ficiency, its consensual social model, and its political stabil-ity, the three being intimately connected. The "social state", after all, was conceived by men determined to avoid a recurrence of the conditions in which fascism grew in Europe. Germany undoubt-edly sees itself as trying to cre-ate the same synthesis on the European level, in the process renewing its own economy and social contract. Yet there and social contract. Yet there are contradictions between this aim and the instruments chosen of which Germany does not yet seem fully aware. "Mrs

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS 9

German cold Blood



Martin Kettle

IANE Blood's fight to use her dead husband's among all who witness it. among all who witness it. Thousands of people apparently support her tena-cious campaign. The Labour peer Lord Winston is trying to change the law on her be-half. She embodies those in-domitable qualities which the British advisor and thick in British admire and which in other circumstances one might describe as spunky. Watching her anguished face as she puts her case, and listening to the intensity with

which Mrs Blood pursues it, no one could fail to be im-pressed. It is doubly shocking that a woman should lose her husband and then be faced with such an unremitting in-timate ordeal, least of all in

such rigid rules, there would be conceptual chaos. The HFEA is right and respon-sible to refuse Mrs Blood. It is more important to hold the line on that point of principle than it is to give her what she vants. If she cannot prove her case, she should not win. She is not a pioneer but the thin end of the wedge. But Mrs Blood also seems to

me to be wrong for more con-troversial reasons. All the coverage of the case assumes that it is right and natural for Mrs Blood to conceive a child with a dead father whom she loved and married. But is that so? I don't agree with that

Call me Mr Conventional, but I find the whole thing de-cidedly creepy. It is pretty dif-ficult to accept the way in which the sperm was ob-tained from the comptose Mr Blood in the first place. Would there be the same tear-ful popular enthusiasm for a live and healthy husband to impregnate his vegetative wife Lymonder? I doubt is But wife, I wonder? I doubt it. But, even if we allow the means, I find it hard to see anything natural in any circumstance about conception with a dead person.

It cannot be right for a child to have a dead father who did not even know he was in-volved in the conception. After all, where do you draw the line? If Mrs Blood gets her way once then what, other than shortage of supply, is to stop her doing it again." The implication of Mrs Blood's case is that she will feel just as entitled to impregnate herself a second, third or fourth time with her husband's deep-Mine with her husdrift streep public. It is outrageous. Mrs Blood invites us to take a position on her case and most people seem happy to

enlist in her support. So I take a different view with some trepidation, because hers is a situation one would not wish upon anybody. But it is the blood case is that too many people, Mrs Blood in-cluded, seem to start from the is she who has put her predic-ament in the public arena and presumption that a woman has an inalienable right to those of us who are uneasy about what she is doing are conceive which is always superior to any other consideration. If a woman wants a baby, they say, and there is a

natural impediment to con-

entitled to say so. I think Mrs Blood is in the wrong. I am pleased that she has lost her case again this week. I think the Human Fer-If Mrs Blood gets tillisation and Embryology Authority was right to stand its ground and to uphold both her way once what

the letter and the spirit of the law. I hope that Mrs Blood other than shortage continues to lose. I think she of supply, is to stop deserves unswerving support in her tragic ordeal. But that her doing it again?

does not mean that she ought to get her way, least of all because people feel sorry for her.

ception - be it infertility or the absence for some reason It isn't good enough to say of an appropriate donor — then it will always be right for that impediment to be that because Mrs Blood's situ-ation touched our hearts, the law should be ignored to accommodate her, or even that removed. it should be changed to stop another case like this. This is That cannot be right. Mr Blood is 18 months dead. Mrs partly because the law is the law. But it is also because the Blood may still be fertile when 18 months have become law which she challenges is a 18 years. It cannot be morally good one and too important to right or socially desirable to tamper with, let alone in such allow her access to her hus-

Troumstances. The dead cannot clarify and if it is not right then it is

THREE years ago. Professor Samuel Huntington (left), directm of Harvard's Institute of Strategic Studies, propoked an in-

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tense and furious debate with an essay in Foreign Affairs, The Clash of Civilisations. He foresato a post-cold-war world in which Western civilisation was beset by Islamic, Confucian

and other cultures. It was a dark and controversial vision; yet there were some who hailed it as a 1990s equipo-lent of George F Kennan's historic essay on "Containment", which called for long and im-placable struggle to outlast the Soviet empire. That was the intellectual rationalisation for the cold war; Buntington's the-sis, now refined to take account of the furious critiques of Is-lamic, Asian and other scholars, is now the focus of the new US foreign-policy debate for the cold war's aftermath. The Clash of Civilisations, from which this essay is taken.

uas published last week in the US by Simon & Schuster. Henry Kissinger has called it "the most important book since the cold war



undo the enterprise?

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The West v the rest

N RECENT years, West-erners have reassured the shift from primitive to civi-themselves and irritated lised societies that began in the notice fine the culture of the first in about 5000 BC. As the first civilisation to indexnise, the West is the first in the first i ought to be the culture of the

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claim that Western, and more specifically American, popular culture is enveloping the world. The other has to do with modernisation. It claims not only that the West has led the world to modern society, but that as people in other civi-lisations modernise they also westernise, abandoning their traditional values, institutions and custo nd customs. Both theses project the

Both theses project the image of an emerging homoge-neous, universally Western world — and both are to vary-ing degrees misguided, arro-gant, false, and dangerous. Advocates of the Coca-co-lonisation thesis identify cal-

ture with the consumption of material goods. The heart of a culture, however, involves lan-guage, religion, values, tradi-tions and customs. The argu-ment that the spread of pop culture and consumer goods around the world represents the triumph of Western civili-sation depreciates the strength of other cultures while trivialising Western culture by identifying it with fatty foods, faded jeans and fizzy drinks. ence of Western culture The e is the Magna Carta, not the Magna Mac.

The modernisation argument is intellectually more serious than the Coca-colonisation thesis, but equally flawed. The tremendous expansion of scientific and engineering knowledge in the 19th century. allowed humans to control and shape their environment in unprecedented ways.

Modernisation involves inspeaker of the US House of dustrialisation; urbanisation; Representatives, observed, and the corollary to that truth is increasing levels of literacy, education, wealth, and social "All power is local power". Neither the UN nor the US can mobilisation; and more com-plex and diverse occupational structures. It is a revolu-

civilisational world, the West's responsibility is to secure its own interests. The future of the West de-

pends largely on its unity. This conceit takes two forms. One is the Coca-coloni-sation thesis. Its proponents societies take on similar pat-Scholars of civilisations see them evolving through times of trouble. Western civilisation has moved beyond its warringterns of education, work, states phase and is heading toward its universal-state wealth and class structure, the modernisation argument runs, this Western culture will become the universal culture of the world.

phase. That phase is still in-complete, with the nation-states of the West cobering into two semi-miversal states It does not necessarily folin Europe and North America. low, however, that societies with modern cultures should These two entities and their be any more similar than soci-eties with traditional cultures. "Ming China ... was assuredly closer to the France of the Vaconstituent units are, however bound together by an extraor-dinarily complex network of formal and informal institu-

lois." Fernand Braudel ob-serves, "than the China of Mao Zedong is to the France of the Fifth Republic." Modern soci-The people of the eties have much in common, West must hang but they do not necessarily merge into homogeneity. The merge into homogeneity. The argument that they do rests on together, or most the assumption that modern assuredly they will society must approximate a single type, the Western type; that modern civilisation is Western civilisation, and West-ern civilisation is modern hang separately

tional ties. The universal states of previous civilisations were, empires. Since democ-racy is the political form of Western civilisation, the civilisation. This, however, is a false identification. The West was Western long before it was. modern. The time has come for. emerging universal state of Western civilisation is a comthe West to abandon the illu-sion of universality and to propound of federations, confed ations, and international regimes. The problem for the West is to maintain its dyna-mism and to promote its cohermote the strength, coherence, and vitality of its civilisation. The interests of the West are not served by promiscnous in-tervention into the disputes of ence. Western unity depends more on events in the US than other peoples. In the era that is dawning, primary responsi-bility for containing and on those in Europe. At present the US is pulled - in three resolving regional conflicts must rest with the leading states of the civilisations domidirections. It is pulled south by the contimuing immigration of Latin. Americans and the growing size and power of its Hispanic "All politics is local poli-tics," "Tip" O'Neill, the former

needs in Middle Eastern pol-icy, US efforts to penalise for-eign companies that do busi-ness with Iran and Cuba, the population; by the incorpora-tion of Mexico into the North maintenance of full economic sanctions against Iraq, and the part human rights and American-Free Trade Agreement and the possibility of ex-tending Nafia to other Westweapons proliferation con-cerns should play in dealing Neither the UN nor the US can era-bemisphere countries, and impose on local conflicts long by the political, economic and

ern civilisation.

with China. Non-Western powers, espe-

lasting solutions that deviate | cultural changes in Latin | cially China, have attempted to from the realities of local America that make it more play one Western country off power. In a multipolar, multi- like the US.

At the same time, the United ences themselves arise largely States is pulled westward by the increasing wealth and in-finence of East Asian societies; from different geopolitical per-spectives and domestic politi-cal and economic interests. Maintaining the unity of the by the continuing efforts to de-West, however, is essential to slowing the decline of Western influence in world affairs. velop a Pacific community, epitomised in the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) forum; and by migra-tion from Asian societies. If de-Western peoples have far more in common with each other than they have with Asian, Middle Eastern or Afrimocracy, free markets, the rule of law, civil society, indi-vidualism and Protestantism Western countries have insti-tutionalised patterns of trust take firm root in Latin Amer ica, that continent, whose cul-ture has always been closely and co-operation among themrelated to that of the West, will merge with the West and beselves that, with rare excep-tions, they do not have with the leaders of other societies. come the third pillar of West-

No such convergence is poss-ible with Asian societies. Asia formidable presence on the in-ternational scene; divided, it is instead likely to pose con-tinuing economic and political will be prey to the efforts of non-Western states to exploit its internal differences by ofchallenges to the United States specifically and the West more generally. The third pull, fering short-term gains to some Western countries at the price of long-term losses for all toward Europe, is the most im-portant. Shared values, institu-tions, history and culture dicof them. The people of the West, in

tate the continuing close association of the US and Europe. Both necessary and desirable is the further devel-Benjamin Franklin's phrase, must hang together, or most assuredly they will hang sepa-rately. Promoting the coheropment of institutional ties across the Atlantic, including ence of the West means both preserving Western culture within the West and defining the limits of the West. The fornegotistion of a European-American free-trade agreement and creation of a North mer requires, among other things, controlling immigra-tion from non-Western societ-Atlantic economic organisa-tion as a counterpart to Nato. ies, as every major European country has done and as the The major current differ-ences between Europe and America arise not from direct US is beginning to do, and en-suring the assimilation into conflicts of interest with each Western culture of the immi-granis who are admitted. other, but from their policies

toward third parties. Among other questions, these include It also means recognising that in the post-cold-war world, the provision of support to a Musiun-dominated Bosnia, the priority of Israeli security Nato is the security organisa-tion of Western civilisation and that its primary purpose is they desire, be able to join Nato. Practically speaking, Nato

but not countries that have historically been primarily Muslim or Orthodox. While recent debate has focused entirely on its expansion, it is also necessary to recognise that, as Nato's mission that, as Nato's mission changes, Turkish and Greek ties to Nato will weaken and their membership could either come to an end or become meaningless. Withdrawal from Nato is the declared goal of the Welfare Party in Turkey, and Greace is becoming as much Greece is becoming as much an ally of Russia as it is a member of Nato. - The West went through a

European phase of development and expansion that last ed several centuries and an American phase that has domi-United, the West will remain a nated this century. If North America and Europe renew their moral life, build on their cultural commonality and develop closer forms of economic and political integration to supplement their security collaboration in Nato, they could generate a third Euro-American phase of Western affluence and political influence.

Meaningful political integra-tion would in some measure counter the relative decline in the West's share of the world's people, economic product and military capabilities, and revive the West's power in the eyes of the leaders of other civilisations. The principal res-ponsibility of Western leaders is not to attempt to reshape other civilisations but to pr serve and renew the unique of Wester civilisation.

That responsibility fail overwhelmingly on the mo powerful Western country, th US. American interests will most effectively advanced the US eschews those extrem and instead adopts an Atlan to defend and preserve that cist policy of close co-operation civilisation. Hence states that with its European partner are Western in their history, one that will protect and pr religion and culture should, if mote the interests, values an culture of the precious an unique civilisation they shar

membership would be open to the Visegrad states, the Baltic states, Slovenia and Croatia, Times Special Features)

beir intentions. That is why not right now siths for example, in the parallel In my opinion the Sheffield context of property, wills are so important and probate law hospital should never have obtained Mr Blood's sperm so meticulous. Mr Blood's sperm is no different. He did and should destroy it now. It is in no one's interest to drag not leave the written consent out this saga any further. Mrs that the law requires, so his Blood and her supporters intentions are therefore not may see hers as a great and may see hers as a great and beautiful cause. I think it is misguided, undesirable, morproved. This is not some detail that can be set aside merely to gratify his widow. It goes to the heart of the matter. Don't have been allowed in the first let's kid ourselves. Without | place.



The return of refugees from Zaire is one of the greatest movements of people the world has ever seen. Oxfam is providing water for the hundreds of thousands on the road home. An uncertain future awaits them.

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Arms race in the Aegean



Greece's tax and defend budget to cost the rich £11bn

EU's poorest nation must bite the bullet, writes Helena Smith

but they have now been told they must bite the bul-

let a little longer. Unveiling one of the

Unveiling one of the this strict absterity pro-toughest budgets since the gramme, partly in order to restoration of democracy in finance arms purchases," 1974, the prime minister, he said, acknowledging for Costas Simitis attempted to the first time this week sweeten the bitter pill of that Athens was unlikely to

Telecom changes

promise chaos



"HE Greek people may be into their 11th year of economic austerity, i they have now been d they must bite the bul-a little longer. Inveiling one of the Torkish belligerence ... and play a role on the world stage." of GDP, compared to the 3 per cent required by the Maastricht criteria.

Hardly a day goes by But although Greece has shopping list of dangerous marines, warshi without Brussels arging long held the unenviable hardware, but they say it is defence systems.

post of being the EU's poorweapons-spenders - the ruling socialists last week gave their allies further cause to fret by announcing a £11 billion arms build-up. Officials concede that the

shopping list of dangerous

hitches are likely.

some countries are resisting.

the only way to maintain a est member state — and is military balance with Tur-also among Nato's biggest key, which has likewise key, which has likewise recently increased its expenditure on defence.

By the year 2001, Athens hopes to be in fighting-fit form, with state-of-the art Officials concede that the fighter jets, tanks, trans-programme may read like a port helicopters, submarines, warships and air-

EU train.

almost brought the neigh-bours to war in January. The dispute. over an islet Mr Simitia, a moderniser in the Aegean, began when journalists from Turkish who is keen to please the mandarins in Brussels, in-sists the programme will not affect Greece's drive to newspaper the Hurriyet took a helicopter to Imia, or Kardak. They removed clamber aboard the great

David Hearst in Moscow

reminded how the mafia set-

the Greek flag and planted a Turkish one in its place -under the startled gaze of And to show that he really means business he under the startled gaze of has taken the unpopular — and brave — step of making until then Imia's sole the rich the biggest target inhabitants.

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Wake of conflict . Turkish commandos return from the disputed Accesan isle of Imia, or Kardak carly

this year after planting the Turkish flag

of farther belt-tightening.

by slapping new taxes on property, bonds and trea-sury bills. Greece's profes-sional and financial clife

are believed to account for

the largest part of the black market economy, now thought to hover at around

Washington is already rubbing its hands with glee at the prospect of the antic-ipated arms sales. But there are real and in-

creasing fears that the pro-gramme will be just as guick to exacerbate Greek-

Turkish tensions by fuelling the bad chemistry that

50 per cent of GDP.

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Crossed lines from the EU Bull markets ride Russia's licences to act as national te-lecom operators, and the gov-ernment has indicated that high telecom costs. I high telecom costs compared to the discretion of the compared telecom costs. I high telecom costs compared telecom costs compared telecom costs compared telecom costs. I high telecom costs compared telecom c

about licensing authorities. And the commission will have to ensure that the rules On licensing, Ms Boyle said that if national regulators use are working. Moreover, there

are 30 to 40 measures sup-posed to be in place by this year's end, which means that There is still no agreement on key EU legislation covering the connection of new-

comers with networks owned by the dominant national phone companies. EU minis-ters and the European Parlia-ment are wrangling over terms and it could take several months. The parliament is pressing for a pan-European telecoms regulator, but

will be lacking. There is a lack of political will in many countries, par-ticularly in France and the

tions in full this year. The sit-uation is difficult. We have SK the average invest-

problems, and there will be certain problems in 1997." Why then were the interna-tional markets so upbeat? Be-fore Russia's big hang on the internetional markets is faile ment fund manager what he or she knows about Russia, and you will probably get a detailed account of the state of Borls Yeitsin's left ventricle, or be international markets, a frail-looking but fast-talking Mr Yeltsin emerged from hospital to assure everyone he was still alive.

tles its accounts. Phrases like "steadily im-Phrases like "steadily im-Proving fundamentals" do not leap to mind when discussing Russia's crisis-ridden transi-the "fundamentals" of Rus-

markets are to be liberalised Nicholas Bannister and Julie Wolf

PEAK TO a German businessman in private and he will tell you that he cannot wait for the day when newly privatised Deutsche Telekom starts to face real competition.

The date is already pencilled in: most European

from January 1, 1998. But the European Commission's hopes of immediate competition, and lower prices and costs for European businesses operating in global markets, are unlikely to be fulfilled. Few would-be competitors, companies like British Tele-com and AT&T, believe that governments have the political will to push through the regulations in time.

lemma, being keen to keep

lies a head start.

they will be awarded next Five EU member states

Spain, Portugal, Ireland, Greece and Luxembourg — have been granted the right to year. But they don't come into effect until January 1, 1998, the latest possible date, leavopen up their markets more slowly. ing little time for new licence holders to get their operations into services.

Spain has agreed to have legislation in place and start granting licences by August 1. Consortium such as Viag Interkom, the BT/Viag alliance, have been planning ahead, but heavy investment 1998. New entrants will be allowed to begin operating voice services by November 1, in networks, staff and services will not start until li-

cences are safely granted. For the rest of the EU, the commission expects markets to be open on the deadline. This pattern will be repeated across Europe, giving the largely state-owned monopo-Some member states are ex-pected to begin granting licences ahead of it. Governments face a di-

The commission promises

big bang licensing to obstruct access to the market, "you're going to see a lot of litigation." The te-

lecom companies and the Commission agree. There is the possibility that member states will try to delay, but if they do, they will find them selves in the spotlight," Ms Boyle added. Companies can sue to demand licenses from

the beginning of 1998. Industry sources believe that although legislation and regulatory systems will be in place on time, crucial details

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Rapid refit for the QE2

HE QE2 was gently nudged into dry dock at Southampton yester-day for a £12 million rafit, writes Paul Edwards. More than 1,000 workers will operate round the clock on the 963ft liner to

have her ready for sea again in under three weeks. Apart from routine maintenance, there will be work on the Manretania restau-rant and the Princess Grill before tugs pull QE2 out of dock on Dec 12 for a threenight cruise followed by a world cruise.

worm cruise. The A&P Group's King George V dry dock, where the refit is taking place, was opened in 1933 to acwas opened in 1938 to ac-commodate QE2's ances-tors, the Queen Mary and the Queen Elizabeth. It is the QE2's first refit

in Britain for 13 years and follows disastrous publicity for Cunard after her refit in German yard in 1994 when she sailed with work-men still on board and some passengers unable to

into the refit with consultations be-Cunard and A&P close ween won the contra

competition from and Spanish repair

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ni Mark Milme

HE Italian lira was last night poised to rejoin the exchange rate mechanism ahead of the deadline laid down under one of the Maastricht criteria for monetary union

Senior monetary officials from the 15 European Union governments will meet in Brussels today to fix the terms for the lira's re-entry into the ERM, from which it ejection from the ERM. ejected, along with the pound, after the currency cri-

sury minister Carlo Ciampi suggested that the differences sia of 1992. on the issue had receded.

week by the Italian parila-ment. The prime minister, Romano Prodi, said that the Lira vs DMark 1 Lina ejected from ERM 2 Lina micina ERM? . lira would return to the cur-rency grid in a matter of "a 2 Lina reis few hours or a few days". 1.300 Lin

The Italian authorities have made no secret of their desire to see the lira back in the ERM but the key issue has been the rate at which it would rejoin the system France, in particular, has in the past protested against what it saw, as the competi-tive advantage gained by Ita-ian exporters from the fall in the value of the line after its

1992 1993 1994 1995 1995

that, on the basis of the calculation used to detarmine the

been intervening on the for- | the ERM condition for monseign exchanges over the past few days to hold the lira at around the 1,000 level and last night the Italian currency was trading at 998.9 to the

mark. Under the terms of the faastricht treaty, membership of the ERM is a prerequi-site for countries wishing to sign up for the single currency. On the besis that mon-etary union does go ahead on schedule at the beginning of 1999, countries have until the end of the year to join the

rectors were recomm

tary union, saying that the ERM now is very different from that which was in operaers in Frankfurt. tion when the Maastricht Rebutting market specula

tion that the Maastricht critetreaty was signed. Britain has made clear it ria could be watered down to will not rejoin the ERM, while Sweden's central bank allow more countries to join, he said: "When I am talking about criteria, I mean the crigovernor, Urban Baeckström, sald yesterday: "Surely it is exchange rate stability as such which matters, not the teria. Anyons who thinks that we can turn away from this chosen path is deluding Institutional arrangement?" himself. The German Chancellor,

In Helsinki, the Irish prime Helmut Kohl, stressed yester-day that he wanted to see as minister, John Bruton, who is the corrent president of the European Council, said he ex-1999, countries nave that he wanted to see as an of the year to join the day that he wanted to see as system. "Ttaly intends to be one of sign up for the first wave of pected the EU summit next interference in Dublin would agree the founding members of the stressed there could be no an a controversial stability weakening of the Maastricht part binding countries in the stressed there could be no an a controversial stability weakening of the Maastricht part binding countries in the stressed there could be no an a controversial stability and not public sector debt and del- went on: "If we do not reach

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Notebook

Pounding on the European door



Edited by Alex Brummer

Barring last-minute ac-cidents, the Italian lira, which like sterling was buncled out of the exchange rate mechanism in September 1992, will be back inside the womb by the start of trading womb by the start of trading on Monday morning. The Italians believe it is crucial to be part of the ERM if the lira is to meet the tech-

nical criteria to lock its cur-rency with the mark and become part of European Monetary Union (EMU) in Mometary Union (EMU) in two years' time. In terms of I real commitment, Carlo I Ciampi, the treasury minis-ter, is putting on a good show, backed by his one-off 25 billion euro tax, designed to squeeze past the deficit-to-GDP criteria of 3 per cent. Certainly, the restoration

Certainly, the restoration in value of the Euro-curren-cies outside the ERM is considerable. The pound has had a tremendous renaissance, ising 13 per cent against the follar and 17 per cent against the German mark, putting its value back to where it was in the week Britain came out of the ERM. The Swedish cur-rency is also firm, but there the government is making the prudent point that it would be foolish to enter the ERM until it is sure there is public support for such a move.

Britain's position, as ex-pressed by Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of Eng-land, is not far off this. He has argued that broad stability outside the ERM bands would

be sufficient for the UK to qualify in spirit, if that is what the political consensus requires. At present, given John Maor's precarious position in his own party, even the slight-est hint of eventual UK re-

entry would be political dyna-mite. Better perhaps to meet the critaria quietly rather than engage in Italian-style grandstanding.

Global banks

RANKING overseas has long been a high-risk

from the mid-1960s to the mid-1960s — the market quickly becomes too small, consum ers look for more exciting al-ternatives and suddenly our competitive edge in markets of traditional influence has

een destroyed. This is where the risk omes in for British banks like Lloyds TSB, where the focus on domestic banking -pioneered by Sir Brian Pitman — has won widespread approval from the UK stock market, which dislikes risk and likes ever-rising profits. But are Lloyds TSB and the

others putting themselves into a cul-de-sac? In Latin America, for instance, where the Lloyds & Bolsa name was once writ large, its market share has slipped to fifth position, in much the same way as Rover has been displaced by BMW in many key overseas markets.

Certainly, if one counts HSBC Holdings as a British bank, the UK is not without its global players in some of the most important emerging markets in the world, How ever, it would be unforgivable if some of the most illustrious

It some of the most illustrious banking names in the world — including Barclays and NatWest, with their healthy balance sheets — were to count themselves out of the global banking race by concentrating only on narrow sectors of the market place, such as US fund management. The real growth is in the Asia-Pacific region (see page 26), Latin America and south-ern Africa, where British dip omatic and economic influence still holds sway. It should not be abdicated for a quick punt on our own high streets.

Regional power

F THERE is one regional utilities merger that makes sense, it is that which fused Welsh Water with Swalec to produce Hyder. Given the strong sanse of regionalism in Wales, recognised by Labour's devolution proposals, it is a deal hard to argue against. Considerable bene-fits can be gained from linking utilities, particularly on the information technology front, although Hyder decide earlier this month against a new hi-tech platform.

In Hyder's results state-ment there is much allusion to stakeholders. It is as if the directors believe that co-op-tion of Blair-style language will somehow

company from the only tax change Labour has promised:

on the regulated utilities, where Hyder faces double jeopardy. No doubt the stock

buts, and that means in the long term," Mr Kohl said in a speech to 800 European bank-

European officials meet to fix rate for lira's re-entry weeks before deadline under Maastricht criteria Italy set to rejoin the ERM

Italian government yesterday Some banking sources be-formally handed over to its Heve that the lira could of the Finnish markka, the an element of tension or cits, inflation and interest EU parimers details of the return to the system at be-lira would rejoin the ERM at distortion." which was approved this man mark. Others suggest ers say the Bank of Italy has Sweden have argued against must be met without ifs and or February."

[an agreement] in Dublin, that is not the end of the day. "The Maastricht criteria | It can be reached in January

of our clearers have learnt in recent times: Midland in California, NatWest on the east-ern seaboard of the US, Barclays in South Africa and Lloyds in Latin America. But, while the UK sits on its hands others are expanding globally, such as ABN-Amro through its \$1.9 billion (£1.15 billion) bid for Stan-dard Federal in the US, and

market will be glad that Hy-der — following its acquisi-tion — can boast a 24.9 per cent increase in profits to £100.7 million. That figure would have been considera-bly higher were Hyder not paying a sizeable interest charge of \$481 million on its Latin American expansion. It would be disastrous for Britain as a financial centre acquisition borrowing. What the underlying figand a commercial folly if the

what his unterlying in mess show, however, is that there is still plenty to be reaped by a windfall tax — without threatening custom-UK banks were to become obsessed — as they appear to be - with domestic concerns, The UK banking market is starting to look awfully crowded. In the past faw days, ers. Even before the tax, Hyder continues to punish one group of stakeholders, its em-Virgin has indicated it wants to join Sainsbury, Standard Life, the Prudential, not to ployees, by trimming the work force yet again.

As for Hyder's non-regu-lated businesses, critical as they may be for generating dividends, it would be better if mention the battalions of converting building societies, in selling directly to the consumer. The more traditional banks are likely to find the they were nearer home. Quite why a regional utility should think it has to play a role in, going increasingly tough against this low-cost competiamong other things, the Dock-land Light Railway is unclear. History suggests that it is land Light Railway is to when British industries start Assets tied up in looking in on themselves — schemes could have b as the UK car industry did ter deployed in Wales. Assets tied up in such schemes could have been bet-

Electrolux linked with

Berisford takeover bid

Alliance executives set to cash in despite the climate

Building society board ignores critics and opts for lucrative share options

Profits flow at Welsh utilities

company after cost-cutting

Teresa Hunter.

LLIANCE & Leicester Awas criticised yester-day for planning the most lucrative executive share option scheme for a building society poised to float on the a stock exchange. The options will be granted almost immediately after its flotation.

Board members at other societies have rejected such packages for fear it could open them up to charges of lining their own pockets. Senior staff at the Hali-

Water, has boosted first-half

profits by a quarter after cut-

South Wales Electricity. The group said it achieved

£46 million a year by 1999.

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better than expected savings lion, I of £16 million as a result of the merger and was on course to meet its target of savings of your.

Nicholas Bannister

ary in the first year, with the approval of the soci-& West building societies which also plan to become banks next year will not receive any such share op-

Yesterday, however, tree

tions as part of their con-version deals. By contrast, A&L's top executives could benefit from substantial share op-

tions as early as 42 days after the flotation. The society believes it has now won the approval

Senior staff at the Hall-fax, Woolwich and Bristol ceive options worth more did not want similar allega-

ing conversion because they believed it was in cusety's remuneration comtomers' best interests and A Halifax spokesman said that they did not stand to Britain's biggest building society had decided to gain personally." A Woolwich spokesman said it had decided against

waive share options be-cause it believed they con-travened the spirit of offering share options, be-cause it wanted its scheme Greenbury, the top people's to be as transparent as possible. He said: "We felt they were not appropriate

- although they could be introduced at some stage in the future." The Lloyds Bank bid for

Parliamentary

£60 million.

Cheltenham & Gloucester did provide share options for senior executives — but stressed that the share op-tion scheme outlined in the

than 2500,000, under a tions levelled against the these could not be exer-scheme whereby options Halifax. twice executives' basic sal-twice executives' basic sal-bers to be confident that di-to be approved by its remu-cised until three years after the takeover. Abbey Nat-ional executives were not conditions. Maximum opional executives were not offered share options as part of the flotation scheme conditions. Maximum options of four times salary could be granted over a 10year period. Options during the first year will be - although some were

granted two years later. restricted to twice salary. Last year, Peter White earned a basic salary of £259,000, and £181,000 for Investors Action group leader Patrick Mountain said: "The construction of this share scheme is look ing ever-more cynical. We the first six months of this are forlous that long-standvear ing loyal customers will

The transfer document does point out that options will not normally be exerreceive the same flat pay-ment as last-minute carpetbaggers. This is even more unfair if the senior execucised within three years of granting. However, they can be exercised early if an employee leaves the com-pany, if it is taken over or tives can make vast profits from share options." A spokesman for the A&L

reconstructed, or with the permission of the remunerstion complities. transfer document has still

of its members to proceed with the sale next year, after receiving 1.4 million postal votes. The society's chief execu-

Pre-tax profits for the half-

lion downturn at Swalec.

voluntary pay code. He said: "We have seen the directors of privatised utilities criticised because at the point of conversion they gained through share price rises which it could be argued had very little to do with the companies' ac-tual performance, and we

HMSO cuts 900 jobs

Anger as privatised News in brief Naafi in mail order deal

The group's chief executive, Bob Thian, said that the busia had a "sound base, par ticularly in the area of parliamentary publishing, which includes Hansard and the Trust, Andrew Regan's in-vestment vehicle. Turnover Order

in its first year of operation is expected to hit £20 million. The deal, predicted by the Guardian on Thursday, gives Select exclusive worldwide rights to sell non-food prod-rights to sell non-food prod-

ly 250,000 service personnel. Minerva priced at 150p

will be priced at 150p when trading begins next Thurs-day. The placing, sponsored by HSBC Samuel Montagu, will value Minerva at \$144 million and raise net proceeds of £70.6 million to fund acqui-

Wm Cook rejects bid

predator's offer document, it said the bid "considerably undervalues the company and demonstrated Triplex Lloyd's "clear lack of under-standing of William Cooks's business and markets **Predator challenged** Northern Electric described

rumoured to be the unnamed predator ready to make a 350 million takeover bid for the conglomerate Berlsford. the letter which CE Electric is posting to Northern share-holders urging them to accept the US predator's offer as a "backward looking docu-ment". It said the information on which CE had based its financial comparison with the agreed bid by Dominion Resources for East Midlands Electricity was out of date.

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ment stores in the 16 weeks to November 16 were up 14.8 per-cent year-on-year. Total sales were up 12 per cent in the period.

Countrywide announced an lead to an offer being made." agreed bid for RPT Manage- Mr Bowkett refused to say ment Services. The 114p-amaker, as being too low. Res-ponding to publication of its about SB.1 million. share cash offer values RFT at

offer would either crystallise or disappear within a couple of weeks and that Berisford LECTROLUX, the Swedwould retain its indepenish domestic appliance maker, was yesterday dence. "I am looking forward to the current year. There are lots of very interesting things that we are planning to do,"

be said. Analysts speculated that ac-Electrolux refused to com-ment and Barisford's chief acquisitive conclomerates such as Wassail or Tomkins might ecutive, Alan Bowkett, would not add to his company's be interested in Berisford, but Electrolux was a more likely statement yesterday that an approach had been made this week which may lead to a takeover offer. Hopes for a suitor. The appliance maker would be interested in Berisford's US catering equipment company Welbilt, which was takeover pushed up the comacquired by the UK company last year. Berisford was originally a

pany's shares by 31p to 152p. Announcing that it would not be able to go ahead with a commodities business but hit planned buy-back of loan stock, the company said: trouble after diversifying in the 1960s. Mr Bowkett moved Formal interest in an offer in after the business had been reduced to a virtual shell and began to build it into a new conglomerate. But his purchases of the Magnet kitchen equipment company and Welbilt have been disappointing. The company announced Mr Bowkett refused to say yesterday that profits for the

whether one or more ap-proaches had been received. slightly down after of He said it was hoped that an problems at Welbilt. year to September were slightly down after computer

Its plan to reduce the work for cardin west, and reduce of force by 900 by the end of the results showed how easy it millennium was ahead of schedule, with 275 jobs going during the first half. during the first half. The Budget

THE ECONOMINCS PAGE As the Budget tooms and speculation increases. Larry Elikin tasks if the Chancellor will resist temptation to act irresponsibly and Dan Abdistan translates Clarka-speak into English.

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year rose by £20.1 million to £100.7 million despite almost static profits before interest at Welsh Water and a £4.7 mil-Patrick Denovan City Editor The group's decision to cre-ORE than 900 jobs ar to be axed at the for-mer Her Majesty's ting costs and jobs following its 1993 million takeover of South Wales Electricity. The group said it achieved Stationery Office as a direct result of the privatisation of lion, leaving the board confi-dent that it will exceed its the organisation which publishes everything from Han-

sard to the Highway Code. The decision to shed around one third of the work-28 million target for the full A6 million a year by 1999. Its plan to reduce the work for Cardiff West, said Hyder's force represents part of a radical restructuring drive by its new consortium of owners led

by Rupert Pennant-Rea, the former Deputy Governor of the Bank of England. The announcement by the National Publishing Company fuelled an outcry by mions and Labour, which

four core operations.

has accused the Goverment of selling the HMSO at far below its market price. The deal was | services and contractors sellbacked by venture capitalists Riectra Fleming. The loss-making group.

Stationery Office, yesterday said the job losses resulted is much higher than pre-from plans to streamline its dicted, and it proves that pri-

Naafi, the official trading arm of the UK armed forces, has set up a mail order business called Select Catalogues in partnership with Lanica

In 1995 HMSO cost the taxpayer £45 million, and in the following year its losses were "The more we looked at the

business, the more we became ucts and services to the near convinced of its potential. But there is a lot to do if we are to unlock that potential. We are

Shares in Minerva, the com mercial property group headed by David Garrard, will be priced at 150p when

sitions and reduce debts.

Steel castings manufacturer William Cook yesterday rejected a £57.7 million bid by Triplex Lloyd, the car parts

Hambro agreement

14 operating businesses into vatisation has done nothing four core operations. to improve job security."

currently operating on unac-ceptably low margins," Mr Thian said. But Labour's civil service spokesman, Derek Foster, de-nounced the decision as a "jobs cull". He added: "This is yet another example of the

tor's answer to plummeting staff morale and job insecu-

Government selling off public ing out staff. The private sec-

which is now known as The Stationery Office, yesterday The number of redundancies

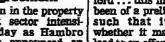
Consolidation in the property management sector intensi-

fied yesterday as Hambro

The John Lewis Partnership said sales at its UK depart-

being made for the company has been expressed to Barisford ...: this interest has only been of a preliminary nature such that it is unclear whether it may or may not

Roger Cowe



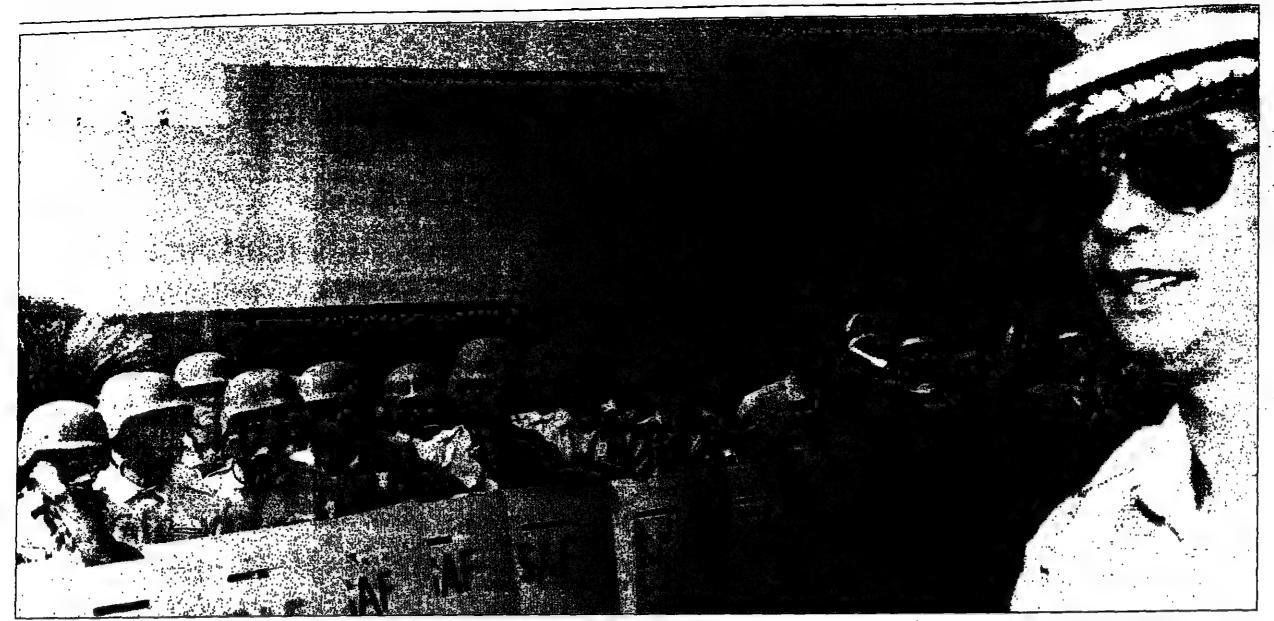
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officers in gas masks guard the convention centre where An

Tigers meet tribesmen

Welcome to Manila. Please don't upset the security guards. And don't expect miracles. NICK CUMMING-BRUCE reports

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At the summit party

ERHAPS only in day's summit to a conclusion to the World Trade Organisa- tors that fast-rising trade defi- some support. Tough has very special opportunity Manila could God that lives up to the mantras of tion ministerial meeting in cits can be controlled. gling on the scope of the pack- which ultimately creates jobs

leaders are

to a three-year low as foreign investors pulled out, leaving

some brokers worrying less about their bonuses than the

huge loss to cover their debts. China remains the biggest

conundrum. Double-digit

tainties of political success

Mr Clinton's choice of Asia

and the Pacific as his first for-

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such effusive and simultaneous indulgence. The city

is festooned with Christmas trees, cribs and coloured lights on an even more lavish scale than usual as it prepares to receive leaders of 18 Asian and Pacific Rim countries for an annual summit that is be-coming one of the more eyecatching fixtures on the international agenda. Manila and Subic Bay, the

former American naval base where leaders of the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation forum will hold their summit. are also in the grip of unprecedented security. The Philip-pines has committed \$3.5 million (£2 million) and some 30,000 men to shielding the meeting against a motley array of enemies, from communist insurgents and Is-lamic militants to the participants in a leftist "peasants" summit". nomics and one of the

But President Fidel Ramos men" who steered leaders probably has more to worry towards framing these goals. about in trying to bring Mon- With only a fortnight or so



ism concocted at earlier Apec also conscious of the opportunity they have to act as a force for liberalisation on a assemblies. With two days to go, no one is yet quite sure of the outcome. still wider, multilateral stage.

After all, their members ac-At Seattle in 1993, the lead ers set their sights on creat-ing "a community" of econocount for 40 per cent of the world's population, about mies in the region. In 46 per cent of exports and well Indonesia the next year, they set deadlines for achieving "free and open trade and in-vestment" — 2010 for Apec's more than half of its output. They can also dangle before a salivating world the need for new infrastructure in Asia industrial economies and 2020 worth somewhere in the for other members. Last region of \$1.5 trillion over the year's summit in Osaka fo-cused on a blueprint for putnext few years and the oppor-tunities offered by booming ting these goals into action.

competence of bodyguards they hired to see off threats from clients forced to sell at ntra-Asian trade. After all the visionary stuff, Yet the brash, anything-isthe Philippines was charged with what Cesar Bautista, its possible self-confidence of the world's fastest-growing economies has given way over the past 12 months to hesitation that has slowed the work of growth helps keep the allure of its vast potential markets trade secretary, calls "a dirty kitchen year". Subic "will be the first real test of whether Apec's member economies but the opportunities have to be weighed against the uncershaping common positions mean what they have said", according to Fred Bergsten, director of Washington's In-stitute for International Ecoand prompted Mr Bergsten to warn there is "a serious risk of failure at Subic". sion, runaway corruption and its 68,000 mainly uncompeti-tive state industries which

A club of countries looking after the needs of Chinese taiemploy more than 150 million. wise pans, Detroit auto-workers and penis-gourd-wearing people. Believe the Cassandras and stone age tribesmen of Papua New Guinea could be excused the golden age of Asia has waned before the Pacific cen-

for teething troubles. The di-versity that helped make Apec such an eye-catching ad-dition to regional trade grouptury has even begun. This is no short-term dip. Hong Kong's Peregrine Investment argues in a mid-year report ings is complicating the task of finding common ground. The headaches explain why Apec members yesterday lifted a moratorium on new members, but put off anwhich looks beyond the weakness of key export sectors and detects structural flaws.

HIS seems to be a minority view. "The downturn now is strictly cy-clical," counters Bob Broadfoot of nouncing the lucky countries until 1998, Russia, India, Peru and Vietnam are in the queue for membership and many more are interested.

Political and Economic Risk Consultancy, also in Hong But Asian countries used to acclaim as the shooting stars Kong. "It's a rule awakening of the world economy are also or a warning signal that they having to come to terms with can't take double digit growth less flattering reviews and for granted and need to push hard questions about their reform if they don't want a ability to compete. The Philippines , luckily as cyclical problem to become a structural one."

host to this summit, is not one of them. President Ramos is Either way, the uncertainty has taken some of the lustre basking in sudden acclaim for off Apec members' earlier his country as as Asia's next tiger, brought by rising commitments to the heady vision of open markets. An growth across the board. The "anti-Apec summit" staged by summit is a golden opportu-nity to showcase the turn-around he has achieved in summit is a golden opportu-nity to showcase the turnthis sprawling archipelago economic powers at the expense of the poor. Some Asian politicians and officials, lookthat was written off as Asia's

sick man in the 1980s and now luring back investors, Its neighbours to north and and issues like labour stansouth are less fortunate. After | dards, seem inclined to agree. American efforts to win support for what on the face the double-digit growth of the 1980s, South Korea's aggres-sively expanding conglomerof it looks an attractive inforates find their competitive-ness eroded by soaring costs ment may be a casualty of and an almost neolithic finansuch sentiment. The proposal would remove by 2006 tariffs on a wide range of computer cial sector. South-east Asian countries

are coming to terms, too, with hardware, software and data a sudden fail-off in the ex-ports that have kept their to Asian consumers as well as tiger economies purring. US and Japanese producers. In the region", says ambassa-while trying to assure inves-But it has won less than ful-

slumped in the Bangkok stock out appear to keep exchange with a pistol in his mouth is one of the enduring outcome in the balance. By the same token, Presi-

eign destination since the election is seen as a symbolic dent Ramos has faced an upimages of recent months. Thailand is struggling with a collapse in confidence in the gesture to the priority he gives the region. The Subic hill task extracting commit ments to tariff reductions from some Apec members in the "individual action plans" outgoing government as well a sudden brake on export each submitted for the sumgrowth. Its stock market plummeted mlt

economists say. The work done for this summit opens

the way for several years of trench warfare over the eye-

glazing minutiae of tariff and non-tariff barriers.

But there is a suspicious move, as some analysts see it,

to broaden the summit agenda. President Ramos's

determination to raise the profile of private sector busi-

ness — apparently in the face of disdain from the US — has

won broad approval. The

blunt message from local cor-porate chiefs is that if they

moved as slowly as govern-ment they would have been out of job long ago. The host's plan to include debate on developing the Apec

community draws mixed

reviews, however. "If they end

up talking about community

spirit at Subic," snapped a western diplomat, "you will know the whole thing has

been a bit of a damp squib."

But this is where President Clinton may prove particu-larly useful to his hosts. Inter-

national trade issues remain, by all accounts, close to his

heart. His enthusiasm for

Apec also remains unstinted,

for the most persuasive of

US trade negotiators point

reasons: national self-interest

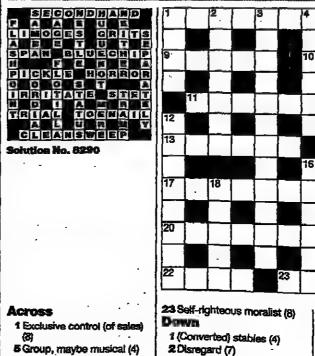
out America does substan-

tially more trade with Asia and the Pacific than with

gross the region. The Subic summit also provides an op-portunity for Mr Clinton to reassert US leadership. He missed last year's summit when his budget battle with Republicans shut down gov-Countries like Australia, New Zealand and Singapore put in what by general con-sent were exemplary papers, ernment. Subic provides what Mr Bergsten sees as a golden opportunity to demonstrate that "he [Mr Clinton] and the and China, at best cautious on multilateral commitments, a positive effort. The US and US are back in the game' Japan, preoccupied with elec-tions, stirred hardly at all The most dramatic announcements are likely to focus on plans for an ex-change of visits with China's President Jiang Zemin, mark-Taking their cus from the big powers, others offered little they would not have offered

anyhow under their commit-ments to the WTO. ing a breakthrough in US efforts to establish a dialogue The Philippines tacifully professes itself pleased. "We have agreed on baselines and a format," says Jesus Estanisdespite the tensions of the past few years. Even so, diplo-mats say, that would rein-force the argument that if Apec summits did not exist lao, a former finance minister someone would have to inand adviser to President Ramos on Apec matters. "In April we thought we couldn't do it, we didn't have the com-

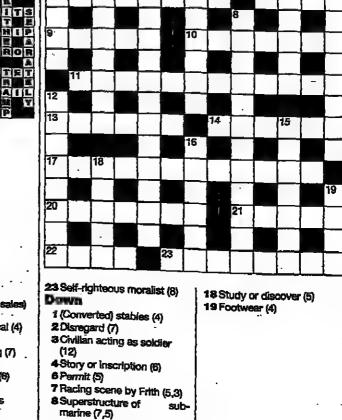
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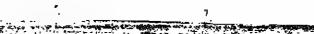
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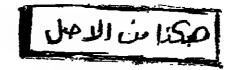


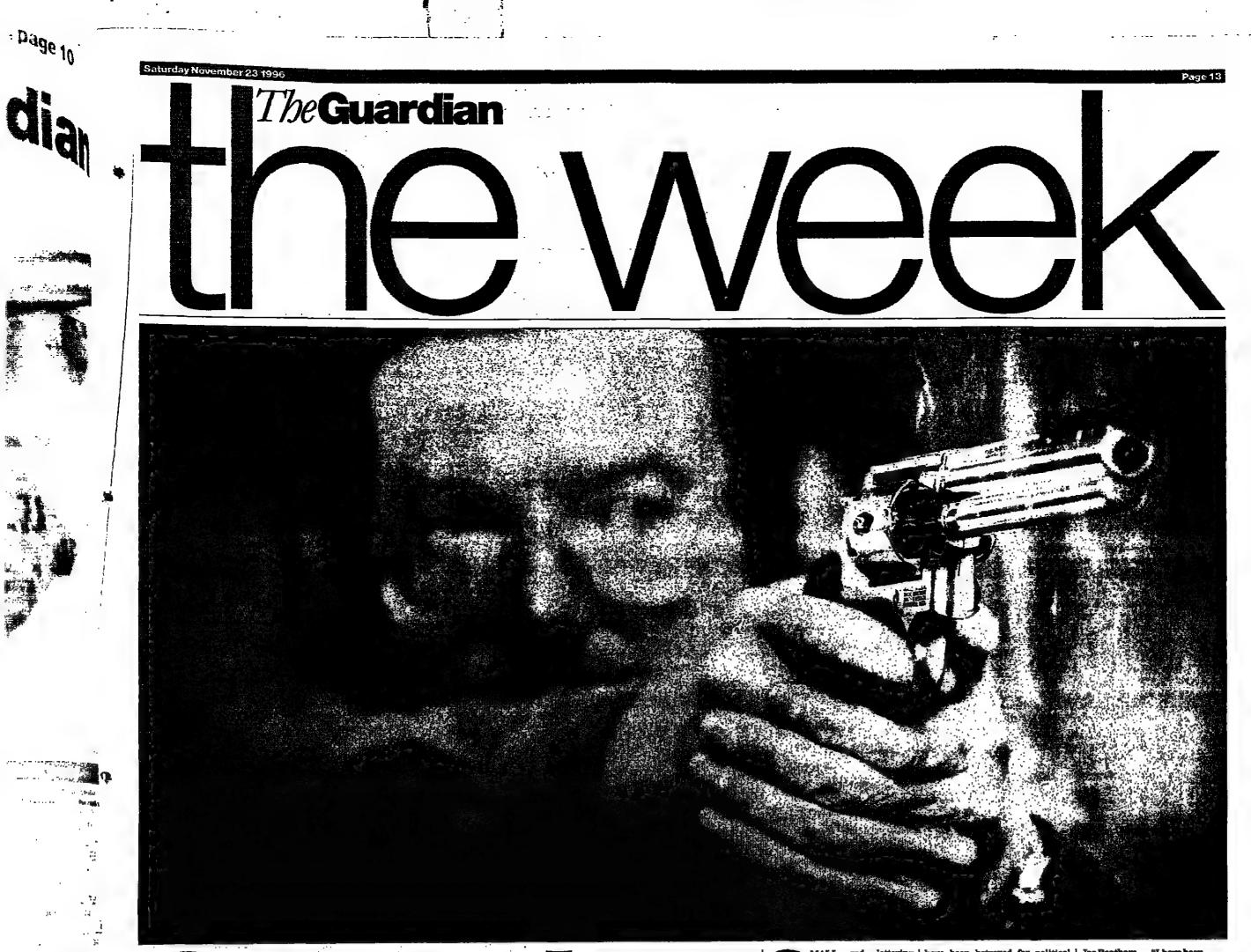


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Guns aim oroad

Britain's shooters feel betrayed. Their guns, bullets and businesses are being taken away from them. Now they are looking for a new place to hang their holsters and discharge their anger. **Christopher Elliott** reports

peeling paint over the shop which sits at the end of a nondescript suburban parade in north London. The Gun-shop, the lettaring says. Inside, but not for much longer, trande, los Beatham He is sup-

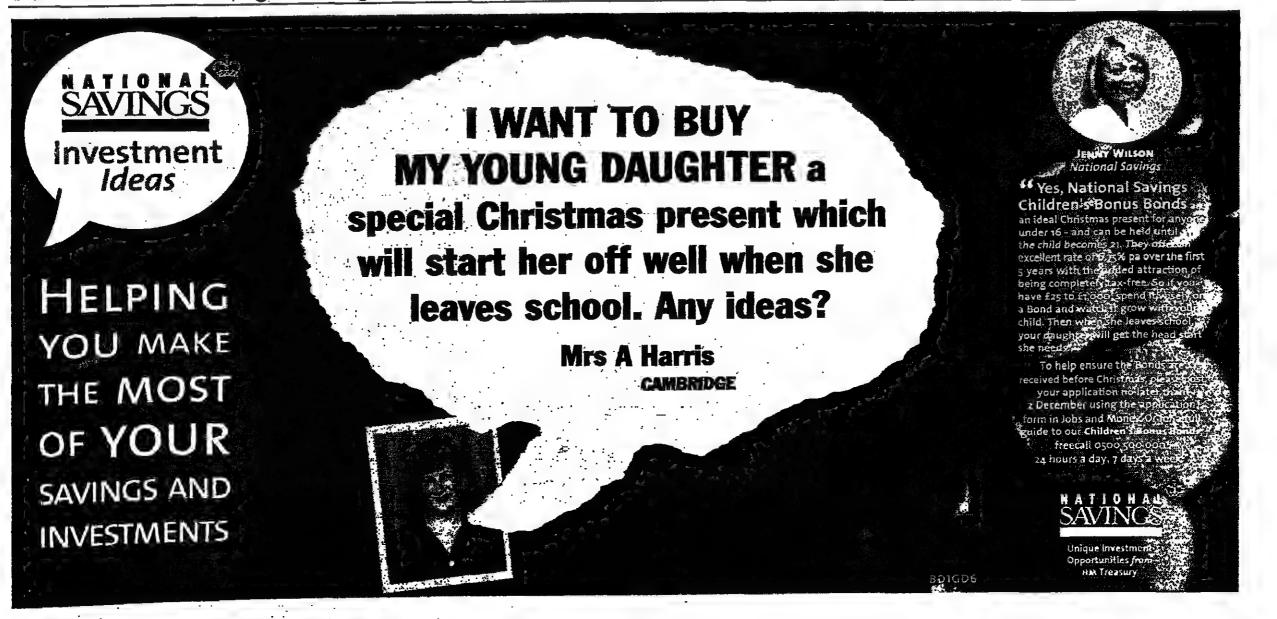
Inside, but not for much longer, stands Joe Beatham. He is sur-rounded by some of the 240,000-worth of pistols and accessories that he says the Government has rendered worthless: 9 mm Brown-ings, 44 Magnum Smith & Wes-sons, shoulder holsters and boxes full of ammunition. As a result of what he perceives as the state's

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43, says his plan is to find a suit-able property near Calais or Boulogne and set up a shooting complex. There people will be able to use the "rifles that were taken

off them in 1988 and the pistols that were taken from them in '96". He will not be alone. Since Par-The raw anger of the shooting fraternity (most are men) blares out of the November issue of Tarliament's vote on Monday in the wake of the Dunblane massacra, banning handguns larger than 32 calibre and requiring smaller pieces to be kept at gun clubs, 50,000 licensed handgun holders in get Gun, the official journal of the National Pistol Association. Slapped across many of the standard advertisements for 22LR Beretta Mod 76 pistols and 9 mm 147 gram jacketed bullets are mock flyposters which leave no room for restraint or doubt.

full of ammunition. As a result of what he perceives as the state's "betrayal", he is moving his fam-fly and his business out of the country; lock, stock and barrel, so to speak. "I am going to see how much money I can get out of the Govern-ment and then move out. I am going to see that me and my family never contribute another bit of revenue to this country again. I



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and industry reports a rise in the number of requests for export licences. There is a small but growing army on the march, fuelled by the loss of a sport and in many cases livelihoods.

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wife Margaret of Rhyl

Road, Denbigh, believe

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white light that was certainly not a star." A spokesman for RAF

Valley on Anglesey said

that nothing had taken

time, but suggested that it might have been

that their motivation was not the quest for

instice and truth.

off from the base at that

The British view A mysterious light has been floating around in

spokesman said that the police helicopter would not have been in the the carly morning sky in area at that time. Mr Tom Prydderch and his Denbighshire Free Press & North Wales Times they saw a UFO. Two years

a helicopter searchlight.

A north Wales Police

2 Great Harwood florist, & Hilda Sharples, is making a 700-mile round trip by car to France in order to stock up with mistletoe for the festive period owing to a shortage of the seasonal sprig in England. "French mistletoe is much more romantic I think and I'm sure we'll get some jokers coming into the shop asking to try it out. The Blackburn Citizen News

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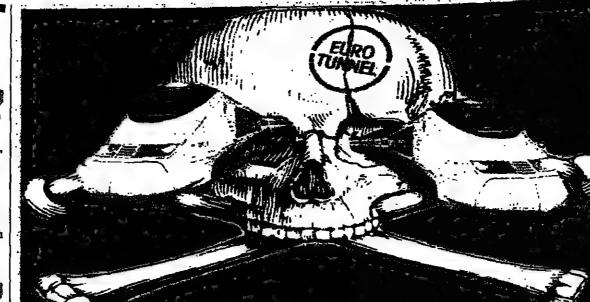
a court yesterday the clos-The global view If the charge was found to be without founda-

est to understanding what caused the gunman's explosion of resentment against the world. tion and the case dismissed, the wrong would be consid-Sydney Morning Herald on the erable. It would then be the Tasmanian mass-mulderer ecessary to revise the law sentenced this week governing the accusation of San Francisco, the city ministers. It would also be necessary to seek out and

that created a task force to consider legalising ounish those who set this in prostitution, is mulling motion if it should turn out covering the cost of sexchange operations for city employees. Arthur Le Soir on the alleged paedophile Bruzzone, chairman of the links of Belgium's deputy Prime San Francisco Republican

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Party, and others say such My power. So power-a ful. And the guns, those operations are not medcally necessary. They magazines filled with bulliken it to breast lets, I could just go bang, bang, bang." These words of Martin Bryant brought enhancement surgery. Evening Observer, Dunirk-Fredonia, N.Y



it wouldn't get going prop-erly until it reached Sugland, should ensure THEME OF THE WEEK TRANSPORT PARANOIA

Total space, were the crission "Told you so" from everyone from the firement to those whose pressions uncase about travelling sucher the sea in a concrete tobe has now become complete terror. There could not have been a better week for anyone . nervous about all forms of now become complete terror How much safer to have transport to have stayed an. home, preferably in bed.

How mean sent to leave been on the London. Underground. Then, per-haps not. Some 20,000 pas, sengers for customers ab-they are called, presumable because they re getting accustomed to this kind of with the durat pulled over their bead. their bead. First, every trimel pare-hold's nightnare (of is it dream?) was confirmed when a forry caught fire on a train in the Channel Timbel. Reports that officials marrily thing) were left in tunnels and stations, many in the sent the smouldering truck on its way at the French end, presumably in the hope that dark, when a power station and its backup failed.

Despite widespread panic attacks, no one sugs bart-not physically anyway Othy fir a faul November week, there were no mass inclinates of monor way man-ness, isoathig to the concid-sion that perhaps driving is Singland, should ensure some cortring EuroFunnel awayday bargeins when the mess is cleaned up and "Adding to the lefted birow-torch effect of florce burying in an eaclosed but well venti-lated spate, were the crites of "Tobly out on" from marying sion that per laps driving is the best option for a trans-port paraneled. Good news then about the Traffic Information Super Highway the world's first soundry wide raffic computer system. TISH, anniousized by the Department of Transport

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What the world needs in a sek of transport horror

stories is a bit of calming, escapist fiction. Highly rec-ommended is the new novel by Michael Crichton, origi-nator of pretty much every-thing from The Andromeda Strain to Come to Jurassic Park to ER. Airfrance, Park to ER. Airfrance, Crichton's latest, is a cosy ad about inexplicable failures of afficiant, clairvoy-

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1. Which sex symbol left her husband because of his extremism?

2. "We built our house with sticks. So when the storms came, it blew away." Who bemoaned the fate of her relationship? (a) Pamela Anderson (b) Sarah Ferguson (c) Raine Spencer (d) Deya Pichardo

3. "He's a crazy guy and life with him was a nightmare." Who was under attack? a) Daniel Day-Lewis

(b) Liam Gallagher (c) Tommy Lee (d) Action Man 4. "Of course he isn't gay I had a real fight and had

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This week last year November 20, 1995 T was the scoop of the decade, the interview of a a career and the performance of a lifetime. When the Princess of Wales appeared on Panorama, on November 20, 1995, she had an audience of 23 million. The announcement of the

mierview received a mixed response. The Daily Mail used the headline "Profoundly Regrettable" and warned "Palace Will Not Forgive"; the Daily Mirror d "Has She Gone Nuts?".

But once the interview had been broadcast there was a striking change among her former critics: now the princess could do no wrong. The Sun praised her "gut wrenching honesty", il calle



The Princess and the reporter ... Martin Bashir, the envy of royal watchers

in the Panorama saga, the interviewer, Martin Bashir, the outcome has been more mixed. The immediate impact was to propel this relatively inexperienced reporter into the limelight and for a time Bashir was the Beeb's golden boy He was the envy of backs throughout Fleet Street. some of whom had dedicated more than 20 years of their life to royal reporting with-out coming close to such a sensational scoop. How on earth did he persuade Diana to open up her heart; they asked

Awards were won, miles of newsprint were dedicated to Bashir, but instead of cashing in on the kudos he retreated quietly into his publicity. Steve Hewlett, editor of Panorama explains that Martin Reshir has in many ways caught the rough end of the interview. He and his family became objects of intense scrutiny. The press were camped outside his house. There were long lens cameras posted in the house all to see. opposite and his wife was nah Pool

When the queen of people's hearts opened hers ambushed whenever she took the kids to school." In April, the Mail on Sunday alleged that Bashir, who is still with Panorama, used fake bank documents to hire Diana into being Interviewed. Counter-attack ing, the BBC hierarchy suggested jealous colleagues were waging a smear cam-paign against him.

Hewlett maintains that the rumours of foul play were nothing more than that. "There is no question of the princess being tricked into doing the interview. The Mall on Sunday spent time and money trying to find something wrong, but all

they got was a story without i punchline." Hewlett blames this on the fact that Panorauna put a lot

"Gake" and eat it? of seasoned royal reporters' noses out of joint: "This was the interview everyone hen in of the moors/The vacant windows stare out grim and dark/Moss grows on ative unknown and snatched it. The interview symbolised a very important moment in the wat stone of the old national history as Diana washing floors," had not spoken so openly since her marriage. Many 11507 (a) TS Ellot things will be traced back to it, as the point when the (b) W S Graham (c) W H Auden inner workings of the royal family were exposed for us d) e e cantona

TV confessional and the Mirror said she had exposed the royal family as cold, weak. egocentric and heartless. In Martin Bashir's awardwinning interview Diana confessed to adultery, bulimia, self-mutilation, a crowded marriage and, of course, her desire to be queen of people's hearts" In the year that has passed.

Diana has become a single hoax video. parent, lost the title of HRH, In a Teletex poll after the Panorama broadcast, 83 per cent of 15,000 callers said the gained an injunction against a "stalking" member of the paparazzi, severed links interview had improved their impression of Diana. Jane Atkinson, the with 100 charities and weathered the storm of Princess's media adviser from January to July this

vear, sarees the interview was good for her: "She conlinues to be one of the most popular celebrities in the world. The interview did not damage her image; that was evident during the time I was working for her." For the other main player

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ing a switch to rifle shooting, as rifles (self-loading varieties apart) are not covered by the ban. "Pistol shooters are already applying to join rifle clubs. Many will go that

join rifle clubs. Many will go that way," he says. A few optimists among them believe that pistol shooters will be able simply to "re-invent" the sport, by building weapons that fall just outside the specifications of a handgun set down in the new legislation. Richard Laws believes that guns with barrels longer than the 30 cm established as the defini-tion of a handgun may make an tion of a handgun may make an appearance on the market within

a year. The most extreme option would be to go underground, operating through illegal gun markets and clandestine shooting ranges. The picture is as yet murky, but the like-lihood of a wave of handguns flooding illegal markets, as ex-ser-vicemen's weapons did at the end of the second world war, appears slim. Shooters and the police agree that most people in possession of handguns will either flit abroad or

Compensation is the thorniest issue remaining for the Government and one that all shooters are adamant they will fight to the bitter end to improve. "The Govern-

figures wrong, as many in the sport believe, there could be many more handguns in existence. Instead of having to pay compensation on 200,000 guns as currently estimated, the real number could be twice that amount, which in turn would double the costs of taking them out of circulation.

just been stripped of their birthright, the battle for compensation takes on a new, deeper meaning. Jan Stevenson, facing bankruptcy now that he can no longer publish his magazine, spent last week fighting off the repossession of his home and making sure the telephone wasn't cut off.

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"No one wants the money. You can't sell a right. So what are we going to do? People are going to use the compensation as revenge. We're going to stuff the Government for every penny possible." Additional reporting by Alax Duval

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go for compensation at home rather than breaking the law.

ment is saying it will give us £150 minimum or half the value of the gun. We want £250 minimum or the full value," says Laws.

If the Government has got its

For those who believe they have

Smith in Paris

being the subject of two books, one TV film and a **Guns** aim ian clubs, whose members could be called upon to fight in time of war or used to instruct "green" troops. abroad Lord Salisbury said he could see

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in every cottage in England. Inproved marksmanship was credited with being a key factor in the successful retreat from Mons in the first world war. But the ethos, and the practice, waned

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(page 13 "Eight staff at Howitzer, Eight more Hamilton victims". Individual shooters in the let-

ters column invoke the US Bill of Rights and Thomas Jefferson in support of the battle to overturn the perceived injustice of the handgun ban. Correspondents blame the media, the Tories, the were allowed to keep weapons such as AK-47s at bome, and in Labour Party, police and the emo-tional bandwagon of the anti-gun such quantities. Hungerford began the turn Snowdrop campaign for their plight. J. Clark from Merseyside against the shooting community. expresses the common sentiment most lyrically in a poem:

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Quiz answers

Party, which placed full-page advertise-ments in the national press to badmouth th opponionits 6 Bob Mankhouse, whose stelen joke books were retrieved. (They know they were his because some of the jokes wer so old, they were written in Laun.)

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8 mochadan roocs, which suppose the Vulkan with smoked salman, has can-colled its fortrughtly delivence, each worth £2,500, because of late payment. 9. Bustor, Roy Hattersky's Staffordshire bull terrier, who was fined for killing a royal goose in St. James's Park. 10. Sulaiman Khan, son of Imran and Jemima.

11 A catfish caught by Steve Bond in Essex - the biggest freshwater fish ever

caught in Britain 12. Albert Reynolds, the former linsh Taoseach, who won a libel action against the Sunday Times but faced costs of £1

13. (b) Michael Knighton, who stepped down as chairman of Carlisle United after It was revealed that he had seen a UFO on the M62 (probably stuck in traffic). 14 Chris Monts, whose Channel 4 show Brass Eye was postponed because he hoaxed Home Office ministers over a non-existent drug called "Cake". 15. (c) W H Auden, a cache of whose catfy poems was discovered in a trunk. How you rate

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Shooters trace the beginnings of the sport of rifle and pis-6 shooting in Britain to the country's failure in the Boer war, particuharly the battle of Alauba Hill in 1881 when Boer marks men proved them J 88 seives vastiv superior. The army command decided that the

way to encourage good marksmanship in the population was to encourage the setting up of civil-

aggrieved as they felt the police should have been penalised for poorly administering licensing controls rather than harassing the day when there would be a rifle law-abiding citizens. Gradually calm was restored. Jitters began to disappear. And then Dunblane ... "When Dunblane happened most after the second world war. By the time of Hungerford, when Michael Ryan shot 16 people dead on August 19, 1987, the reaction of the

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of us were sick," says Beatham. "I have four kids and it just doesn't bear thinking about. I just wanted public was surprise and bemuse-ment that ordinary individuals

introduced laws in 1988 to ban self-

loading rifles. Many shooters were

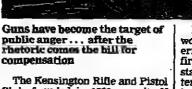
to blot it from my mind and pre-tend that it didn't happen. "Unfortunately I have a logical chain of thought and for a second time I couldn't see why there should be a change in the law — it is so chause that if the law — it is so obvious that if the laws had been properly applied this would not have happened. Instead, what? Banned. I think Michael Howard which until that point had been intentionally must have been invented by Walt Jan Stevenson, aged 53, is the

sons and thus had largely avoided pubeditor and proprietor of the magazine. Handgunner, At its peak it sold 29,000 copies but it took a dive after Hungerford and was selling 15,000 at the time of Dunblane in March. The last issue came out in licity in its 2,000 clubs the The May as Stevenson, an Alabama-born former Oxford shooting blue, Government

ceased publication to prepare evi-dence for Lord Cullen's inquiry into the massacre. When Stevenson returned to publishing he found that his regular 100 advertisers had just disap-peared, either because their businesses had gone bust or they had simply withdrawn their support

their support. Stevensor's passionate criticism of the Govern-ment's new gun laws is fuelled by libertarian con-victions. "To say people are embittered is an passionate understatement. The saddest thing is that there are tens of thousands of people whose pride of citizenship has been taken from them. Arms are the emblem of a free man. The essence of the relationship between the citizen and the state is that you are pre-pared to fight for it. Now that has been completely reversed: the citi-

zens have been turned into serfs." This heady mixture of a loss of faith and a loss of business has prompted the search for a fresh start outside Britain. The men of handguns are turning their sights to France, Belgium and Jersey.



Club, founded in 1909, was itself formed out of the post-Boer War movement. Now it is following a new path abroad. "We are currently in talks with a gun club in France that would allow us to use our guns." said Peter Brooksmith. the club's honorary secretary.

He is just one among a number of dealers and shooters looking for a new start in a country that has a French legislation remains weak and firmly skewed in favour of hunters, who are drawn from all

on a killing spree last September, claiming 16 lives in a village near Toulon. The boy used a revolver and a shotgun, but the tragedy did not prompt calls to regulate firearms.

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Legislation was restricted to a woolly move by the French gov-ernment which ruled that all firearms - with the exception of starter pistols - should be regis-tered with prefectures. But, except in extreme case, prefects do not have the power to ban an individual from firearm ownership. "The appeal of northern France

is that it is feasible as a day trip," said Richard Laws, secretary of the Shooters' Rights Association. who also runs pistol awareness training courses for bodyguards. His business books 1,000 night'sworth of accommodation in rural Wales for its course trainees. "They will now pass to France, I am looking in the Verdun area. There are many people talking about relocating. You have to remember that a lot of shooters are over 40, their children are adults, so they can sell up and move if they want to. There is a lot

of money going out of the UK in response to the Firearms Bill

ble alternatives to handguns. Graham Downing a member of the British Shooting Sports Council, says that many people are explor-



Fesponse to the rifearms but. For each shooter who goes there are others who will stay — and they have begun to explore possi-

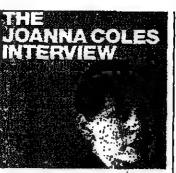
social classes. Political parties of left and right invariably quote social problems rather than gun ownership as the cause of escalat ing violence. The closest France came to witnessing a Dumblane style tragedy was when a 16-year-old boy went

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Even when she's suffering from sleep deprivation, Lucinda Lambton is never less than joyfully barking

Lucy in the sky with tea and cake



ADY Lucinda Lambton cautiously opens the Old Rectory door. "Oh but I'm zombied, zonked, wooden-

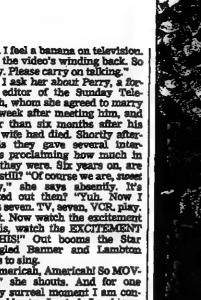
neaded," she moans. "I woke up at 5am worrying about worrying about not being able to id I'm so tired I almost called you to say don't come." We follow her into her study where Florence, an obese dachshund Iolis open-legged, demanding at-tantion. "I made some pate last night and she got the lid off and ate the lot Florence, it was such a scandal, such a scandall When you talk to her she always sticks her tongue out. Very VERY bad." When you talk to Lambton she

ms to glaze over. Perhaps this is the lack of sleep. Anyway, how she looks runs second to how she

Now the video's winding back. So sorry. Please carry on talking." So I ask her about Perry, a for-mer editor of the Sunday Tele-graph, whom she agreed to marry one week after meeting him, an fewer than six months after his first wife had died. Shortly afterwards they gave several inter-views proclaiming how much in love they were. Six years on, are they still? "Of course we are, store Perry," she says absently. It's worked out then? "Yuh. Now I press seven. TV, seven, VCR, play, Right. Now watch the excitement of this, watch the EXCITEMENT of THIS!" Out booms the Star Spangled Banner and Lambt starts to sing.

"Americah, Americah! So MO ING," she shouts. And for one wildly surreal moment I am conronted by two Lucinda Lambi One in the flesh singing for all she's worth, the other on screen, filmed in Washington, kneelin front of a portrait of Pocahontas "What completely spooked me, says the real Lambton suddenly grasping my hand, "was that] was wearing the some dress as she was wearing and we both had our hair DOWNI Do you want a

cigarette? She lights up a long slim She lights up a long sum nrown More. "Are you sure you don't want a cigaretic now you've smelt them? Trn so sorry to be incoher-ent. Do you suffer the same way? Oh isn't that funny?" And she picks up a photograph of herself leaning against Jimmy Saville. "The partners in Bucktingham. sounds. Her voice is all-consum-ing and even though she's tired, it The rectory, in Buckingham-shire, was a wreck when Lambton shire, was a wreck when Lambton bought it 18 years ago and abe's since restored it with all her ec-centric might. Every surface is covered with an assortment of lit-fle figures, dolls house food, pho-tos and books; every cupboard crammed with a cranky combina-tion of plastic Blackgool towers and replica plates from Martha Washington's dinner service. Would she ever move? "NO!" But what about the argument that a house can possess you? "Not if it's your passion, not if you write about houses. Oh my God!" she exclaims dramatically, video's staring out to the roof where the afternoon sum is stuning. "Look at winding that SHADOW!" She takes another drag on her brown cheroot and stares at me back, So sony. darkly. "So your argument would be that a person is a lesser person because they depend on posses-sions?" Not necessarily, but I had heard that after marrying her Please carry on second husband, a painter, she never saw him again because she talking' never saw nim again because sale refused to move out of har house. "Information from a CHEAPO writer," she bellows. But it's very interesting, I protest. "I suppose you find it so," she says crossly. "But I don't like talking about par-sonal things. It's INDECENT." We more article to take her We move outside to take her we move outside to take her photograph and once it's com-pleted, I say we must go. "NO," she shrieks, "Yon can't GOI it's been a real ZONKI" No, I reply, it's been fine. "NO IT HASN'T," she screams. "It's been a real "NO. What I don't like is not SLEEPING. I love it yes. Oh gosh, um." So she does enjoy it? "YES. I said 'No' because of the horror of not sleeping. I do love it. Oh look at that dust," she says scooping a finger along the television. "Coal







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still resonates, like Fergie's, with upper-class gies. She also shouts frequently for no apparent reason, as if she's suffering a mild form of Tourstie's syndrome. "SCAN-DAL," she barks at Florence again. "IT'S A SCANDAL!"

We kick off by discussing her new book, Lucinda Lambton's A To Z Of Britain, a strangely grip-ping if eclectic history, in which she mentions that her "great great, great, great, great, great grandmother" Pocahontas is

"I have got a very, very, VERY exciting, thrilling three minutes about her on the beginning of one of my films," she hoots -- much easier talking about a distant an-cestor than her father, Lord Lambion. "Pocahontas ... very VERY thrilling, it just couldn't BE more exciting I want you to see it." And she leaps up and starts runmaging through a haphazard pile of tapes.

At this point Sir Peregrine Worsthorne, Lambton's third hushand, pops his head round the door. "Luce, I'll take the dogs."

"Yes," she shrieks, frantically pressing the remote control. "Um,

pressing the remote control. "Om, now what to do? Ah. Sorry. It's a bloody nuisance. Why does it say A? What does A stand for?" Does she enjoy doing television I ask, thinking that her various series on architecture have made her Britain's most unlikely TV

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Lucinda Lambton . . . We'll go for a run round the garden next. I'm feeling perky now? utes." And I fear that if we dis-'Yes. Oh obey, she may tear off across the garden snorting and tossing her gosh, um. chesinut hair in anger. So she promises tee and a fur-ther chance to snoop round the house. "Look at this," she hoots, grabbing a fat red stick off the mantelpiece. "This is what farm-ers use when harvesting jalapeno l feel a banana on television. Now the

peppers. They can tell if it's ripe by matching the colour. I'm gripped by it to the point of FAINTING "Oh Paul," she continues, leaping on one of the builders busily laying central heating. "Two got a message for you. Could you be very kind and take up the floor-boards because there's a lot of

boards because there's a lot of dead rats." Dead rats? "Oh hundreds of them upstairs. They've just been discovered." And she lets loose an infectious whooping laugh which echoes round the hall. We all troop up-stairs in pursuit of the dead ver-min her en nuts the phone store min, but en route the phone goes and she disappears. A moment later I hear her yelling "Are you calling from *Rhodesla*?" At the top of the stairs we are met by an old rocking-horse star-ing dolefully from a fringe of real white horsehair. "We'll go for a white horsenant. "We'll go hor a run round the garden next, I'm feeling perky now! Oh look," she pants, peering into one of the bed-rooms. "This is where the rais are!" The builder grins. "OOOHH," she calls excitedly. "I

caught a whiff of them then did you. Did you, did YOU?" We return downstairs as Lucy informs us that The Old Rectory

"lived in by the first newspaper columnist to have a signed column in the world! Now, let's run round the garden and cheer 70U UD."

Outside the roar of the nearby M40 provides an incongruous soundtrack as she charges off across the lawn to show off their balding topiary, a squirrel, rabbit, cockerel and a dog chasing a cat. For posterity, the Rectory's origi-nal owner had his initials, RB, in-

nal owner had his initials, EB, in-laid into the brickwork, alongside the date 1840, and the current owners have done the same, inlay-ing their own initials in the conservatory wall. "PW and LL 1994," Lambton recites grandly. "What I love is that 1994 is already history isn't it? Look," she adds, pointing at an apple trage where a solitory four is apple tree where a solitary fruit is hanging. "A lone apple. A lone apple! I'll put the kettle on." Back inside the kitchen, she shows us a tray of cold steak she has cooked the night before. "Iso't that what invite current in the

that what you're supposed to do when it's on its last day, cook it then eat it cold?" A vast slab of cracked yellow cheese sits brood-ing in the middle of the table. "You must have some particu-larly delicious cake with cherries and pecans from Texas," she

orders as a windswept Perry materialises. "How marvellous," he murmurs uncertainly on hearing that we're staying for tea.

"Perry's got to make a speech tonight," Lucy announces, fondling his red jumper and black spotty scarf. "I want you to know how much that suits you."

She bands him a blue and white stripey mug. "That mug's from Tesco's. Dead interesting to see that made by the thousand. Ear-lier, you were rude Perry, you just walked in and out " walked in and out."

Perry: "I didn't want to interrupt. Have you finished your questionnaire? (To me.) She didn't sleep you know, she has this terri-ble insomnia."

Lucy: "David rang in the middle Lucy: "David rang in the middle of it and I said, "Where are you calling from? Rhodesia?" And he said, "My dear Lucy, even when I lived in your house in Oxford 10 years ago it had ceased being called Rhodesia!"

Perry (murmuring in a most pukkah accent): "Most Anglicised Zimbabwean black man you could possibly conceive of meeting.

Lucy (clasping her hands): "His LUCY (clasping her hands): "His daughtar is my goddaughter and she's going to come and stay here over your birthday, Perry, and I thought we could ask your grand-children for tea and have a birth-day party for you!" Perry: "Very good, very good. The rat man is coming tomorrow."

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Lucy: "What will happen to the polson if anyone eats it?" Perry: "Like who?" Lucy: "The dogs." Perry: "Oh I thought you meant

If I suddenly wanted a midnight feast! What will happen to the rats underneath the floor though?"

Lucy: (Distracted.) "There'll be a sweet smell. Perry, who was the newspaper columnist who lived here?

Perry: "I don't think I know." Lucy: "Oh I told you." The next day she rings to apolo-

The next day she rings to apolo-gise for being so tired. "What I meant to say was modern taste on the march," she says. "I find it very gripping. Don't you find it gripping? Last night was Perry's speech to the Anglo-Belgian soci-ety and I sat between two men and had to chout and that ware both I had to shout and they were both

Haif an hour later she calls back again. "Have you left your coat here?" No. "It's a beige one." No. "I remember you have a beige "I remember you have a beige coat." No, it's not mine, I can see mine from here. "The sleeves are lined in a rather appealing Pais-ley, otherwise it's not very ..." No, it's definitely not me. "Oh well. How strange. HOW STRANGE." And suddenly I can see her tanding in her blue and orange

standing in her blue and orange ball under the painted memorial to her dogs, Prickle and Hops of Hereford. "The Heavenly Chorus," it declares in blue and gold. "Joyfully barking."

COUPLE of weeks ago I was told that Labour's chief whip, Donald Dewar, had got hold of the idea that a man I know was on the IRA army council. My reaction at the time was sheer amusement: "Frank? Has Dewar ever met him?" Not being a prope journalist, I didn't give it much when the Independent's John Rentoul decided it was a serious

story. So, not only had I sat on a scoop for two weeks, but I had allowed the scoop to be had by journalist deficient in humour who seems to take his line straight from Tony Blair's office. The reason I had not used the information was that, however absurd the accusation is to everyone who knows Frank, there is always the danger that someone out there is as daft as

Initially, the story appeared to be that those someones include MIS. This is what Dewar told the three Campaign Group MPs be

cargeted for meeting the Sinn Fein delegation Frank was escort-Fein delegation Frank was escort-ing around Westminster. What muddles the story is that Dewar will use any excuse to carpet Cam-paign Group MPs and that, accord-ing to Rentoul, he was "sceptical" about MIS's information. Then MIS confused matters further by denying the whole thing. Some on the left take heart from the belief that even if the spocks the belief that, even if the spocks are as insidious as we fear, they're not very bright. The fact that MIS are Cambridge graduates who don't reallse that the smart money

is in BBC Light Entertainment would tend to support that theory. If they did tell Dewar that memlad on a building site who is sent to the hardware shop for a tin of

striped paint.

bers of the IRA army council were. taking tea at the Commons, then MI5 were either being very dim or very clever. Perhaps they manipu-lated Dewar to destabilise New Labour, by proving the party lead-ership to be as guilible as the new

have nothing to fear from New Labour. The biggest threat to the intelligence services is a resolu-tion of the Northern Ireland conflict, and a change of government will not affect the chances of that. New Labour are so cosy with the

of Labour's Northern Ireland Com-mittee. It is possible that he did nothing, because he was waiting Dewar that two members of the army council were inside the Pal-ace of Westminster because "a for-mer member of the Official IRA" had identified them. That is poss-ible. After the big IRA split of the says his encounter with Mitchell

Regrettably, however, I don't think MIS figure in this at all. They McLaughlin was accidental. Dewar would have wanted to discuss the matter, if he had known about it. So either MIS didn't mention it, or they didn't know about it. Perhaps their agents were in the bilet at that moment.

Workers Party, then the Demo-cratic Left, and they still hate Republicans as venomously as only former comrades can. But since they have absolutely no contact with the Republican Movement, there is no reason why they would have any clearer idea about the composition of the army coun-

1970s, the Officials became the

keener they are to tell you who's on the army council. It's mostly

they must have to hire a conference centre for their

House of Commons many times during the 20 years he has lived in

London. Sometimes he has met MPs about issues unrelated to the Irish conflict. Sometimes he has been campaigning on behalf of wrongly-convicted prisoners. He was one of the first people in this country to raise the case of the Birmingham Six, something which has earned him a lot of criti-cism from those in Sinn Fein who argue that innocent prisoners should not be singled out for

support. He is known to many Irish politicians, and has shown visiting Fianna Fail and Irish Labour Party MPs around on visits to Lon don. I believe he has also made unattended trips to the toilet many times since an early age, little knowing that this would eventually cause uproar among Tory MPs.

But if MIS didn't follow Frank that day, how did House of Commons security know that he went to the toilet? I'm afraid the answer is disappointingly simple: Frank asked a policeman the way.

cil than anyone else does. It has always been my experi-ence that the less an Irish person knows about the Troubles, the

meetines Frank has been in and out of the

Unionists that a few MPs chatting with the dove end of Sinn Fein aren't going to make a difference. Indeed, it appears that the whole story about army council members in Parliament originated with David Trimble. Dewar had been told of Sinn. Fein's visit the week before, in a letter from Denis Canavan, chair

for an excuse to attack Campaign Group MPs. None of the other four MPs who met the delegation were summoned to his office. You would have thought that, even though Peter Hain is a front bancher and

If they did tell Dewar that members of the IRA were taking tea in the Commons then MI5 were either very dim or very clever

If the army connect is smooth and the set of the way gay men point at the telly claiming everyone who appears on it is an about a the renumer. If all the people who have been publicly named as being on the army council are indeed members, Trimble says he complained to

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Great food, shame about the attitude problem

Sunday: I'd almost forgotten how each economic boomlet turns some restaurateurs and harmen into arrogant creeps. Now that London is the "world's coolest city" it's almost impossi-ble to get into a half-good eating place. Owners and staff are loving it. People now swap stories about rudenesses; a friend considerately phoned a West End restaurant to say she was running 10 minutes late. The maitre d'snapped: "That doesn't matter. We're given your table away.' She told me this in Covent Gar-den while our waitress was bring-

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den while our wantess was buy ing a wine entirely different from the one we'd ordered. When we asked her to change it, she went into a great eyeball-rolling, heavysighing, some people are nothing but trouble routine. Many of the scariest are the hundreds of waitpersons from the former Soviet Empire, who have brought from the communist era their notions of good service. The other week I expressed surprise to one that three glasses of house wine cost £13.50. "If you doan want the premium wine, you shoudda said so," he shouted.

MONDAY: A Channel 4 documen-tary about Jeremy Thorpe and the

Norman Scott case has people asking whether an old man suffering from Parkinson's disease should have his past raked over like this. What I've always found puzzling is why anyone thought it neces-sary to kill Scott. Thorpe's homosexuality was a pretty open secret and he may have been one of the few people in Parliament not to realise that. When the first rumblings began, I remember Clement Freud --- then a Liberal MP -- say-ing: "We've solved our crisis. John Curry is to become leader of

the Liberal Party. And Jeremy has taken up ice-skating."

TUESDAY: The fire on the Shuttle sent me back to a book called An

Accident Waiting To Happen, written by an acquaintance, Ju dith Cook. She quotes an expert who points out that the tunnel's length means that it "resembles a mining rather than a railway tunnel system, and any method of fire

prevention needs to be based on the --- sadly --- large experience in this field". Ms Cook points out that a tun-nel fire can spread very rapidly. Most of the heat goes into raising

the temperature of the air that passes through it, and downwind temperatures of 1,000 degrees cen-

tigrade are common ... a fire would exert a powerful 'chimney' effect on ventilation, and cause it to increase, reduce and even reverse ... an increasingly violent spread of fire throughout the wagons of a shuttle could be ex-

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believe in something, they will work hard

for no money

pected, and blast and fumes emerge into the tunnel proper, the fumes spreading through it at the mercles of whatever ventilation regime happens to prevail at the time." Ms Cook was writing in 1989. If

this was evident to a lay writer, seven years ago, why in heaven's name was nothing done?

WEDNESDAY: A glowing article in the Washington Post must glad-den Mr Major. It describes how

this country has become the enter-prise centre of Europe, bow fur eign investment is pouring if, how memployment is crashing every day to new low levels. The Pest identifies the most important reason for this happy state of af airs. "At an average \$14 an bour, Britain has the lowest wage rate of any major industrialised country". Actually all the good things happening here apply to China, in spades. Industrial wages can be as low as \$4 a day, which is why investment is pouring in there too. No doubt at some point in the near future our wages going

down will meet theirs coming up. THURSDAY: Cab drivers, notori-ous talkers, will usually do anything for extra cash, even polic fun at themselves. I saw a business consultancy ad on the back of a taxi jump seat: "For useful infor-mation, tap in." The next seat says, "For useless information, tap here", with an arrow pointing to the glass behind the driver's head.

FRIDAY: We've just started work on this year's community panto, Peter Pan. One of the great unremarked phenomena of modern British life is the local pantomime, which is much more satisfying

their ordinary Andram, since if you do Oklahoma or Relatively Speaking, you're entirely in the hands of Rodgers and Hammer-stein or Alan Ayckbourn.

Batigon can put whatever you like into a pantonime, tossing in planty of local jokes and using the best local talent however you

Only two-parts have been pre-cast (you tend to get a lot of mut-tering about how it's all been fixed, often from people who feel they should be given a leading role the first time they turn up to an audition.) Captain Hook will be a woman site went to RADA but was asked to leave after Restora-tion Drama, "so my fan work is excellent") and Tinker Bell is to be a six foot rapping dude.

Auditions are straight after Auditions are straight after Christmas, which is when people finally fixes some time to spare and field at a bit of a stocke end. After that there is six weeks frantic work to get it fight. The thing about the British middle classes is that, when they really believe in something, whether it stopping a new road or putting on a parloamine, they will work incredibly hard for no money at all, which is even less than most people earn in John Major's Enter-prise Centre of Suppe.

ILLUSTRATION: STEVE CAPLIN ican system has ""excesses". It would be interesting to know what you regard as an excess, since the arguments of American personal injury lawyers in de-fence of their racket are exactly

the same as your own. If I fall over a cliff I shall regard it as my own silly faulti Yours sincerely, Martin Mears

Dear Martin,

THE POLICE officers who attended the scene of the appalling acre at Dunblane will be enmassacre at Dunblane will be el-titled to claim compensation only if they can show that someone (apart from the murderer) was negligent in allowing the tragedy in occur, and that they could be "classed as "rescuers" within the meaning of the law. They will not be emitted to claim-damages sim-ply because they have had to wit-ness the aftermath of the camase.

ply because they have had to wit-ness the alternath of the carnage. The Hillsborough cases have not altered their position at all. The better question is: if the police officers do have a valid claim, why will the law deal less well with the partents of those who died, as hap-plened at Hillsborought. But how can claims, by the police be thought improper? We send the members of the emer-gency services out to do society's diffy work for us to do society's diffy anne society should abandon them when the strain Secones too much. Shame on youl My point is Them when the strain secones 100 much. Shame on your My point is that it is only by bringing these claims that those responsible for the care and safety of others will be forced to supervise ther unty property. You confuse in passioned argu-iment with ristoric. I do not argue

intent with rheforic. I do not argue that any and every mishap abould result in damages. Whit I do say, having witnessed the huge par-sonal iragedy (cops — there I go again) caused by negligent injury is that these claims form a vital part in the fabric of a caring content

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HIS WEEKEND, I fear, will be ruined by speculation about Tony Blair. Not for once about his hair, or even his views on taxation, but about his choice of discs for a desert island. Before Sunday at 12.15pm: which eight will he choose? After: just what do these choices imply? Smallweed will turn, as always in moments of crisis, to the Daily Mail, where we can rely on Dr Raj Persaud to unravel the mysteries which elude all others: by hazardwhich enurs an other a bair has ing, for instance, that Blair has chosen this music because he likes the noise that it makes.

UT PERHAPS it's untair on Bray that he's got himself tagged in the psychological/ psychiatric sector of life as Mr Ubiquity, a title which belongs to another. The most fecund mouth in his territory belongs not to him back for a concer, industrial psyin his territory belongs not to him but to Cary Cooper, industrial psy-chologist — and now, I see, also pro-vice Chancellor — at UMIST. I have only five sightings of Raj in the prints for the past two months, (though I'm told he also appears on I'V with people called Richard and Judy), whereas Cary scores 25. And so versatile! Helping to answer the question on everyone's lins: can spoon-bending and sha-

lips: can spoon-bending and sha-maniam help business? Offering his services to stress racked Manchester City, the team he supports (Stubborn as ever, the club that has still not come round to giving the job to Ann Widdecombe said thank you, but no). Commending John Major for finding a format (shirt sleaves) that suits his per-(shirt sleeves) that suits his per-sonality ("folksy, down-to-earth, ordinary"). Describing his own reactions to Steve Coppell's depar-ture from Manchester City: "I feal schizophrenic (sic) about this." Buit most of all he keeps thump-ing on about people working too hard, and the damage it does to them and their families. All ultrahard, and the damage it does to them and their families. All ultra-topical in the light of the row over the 48-hour week. Working more than 48 hours a week, Cary recently wrote, doubles the rate of coronary heart disease. I do hope he ian't working too hard. KEEP reading about the activities of Tory grandees. What's a grandee? The term arrives from

the highest and most privileged class in notoriously snooty 13th cen-tury Castlle; people of royal rank, or near it. From that it derives its modern meening: according to Cham-bers, "a man of high rank or station". (Women need not apply, I suppose). In the old days Tory gran-dees were people of webdth and vast acreage who hardly noticed their perliamentary selaries, belonged to exclusive clubs, and bad nothing to

Paying up for trauma



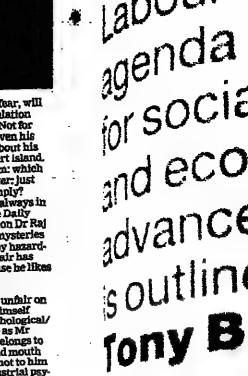
Let's all sue for compensation. Hillsborough police did, even a bullied schoolboy did, so why shouldn't we all? Ian Walker believes it's our right, but fellow lawyer Martin Mears says our passion for suing has gone too far

Dear Martin,

and would be a charter for the negligent and the wicked to injure their fellows at will. COMES as a complete mystery to me why people are getting so exercised Through conditional fees and legal aid the legal profession now offers unprecedented access to

about the outcome of recent oners unprecedenced access to justice. Society has changed and people are less willing to accept personal injury visited on them by others as "just one of those things", and demand that the neg-ligent should be made to answer. This is a very positive thing for compensation cases reported in the media. It is compensation somebow being seen as "creeping Americanisation" when, for exam ple, police officers, whom I repre-sented, are awarded damages for



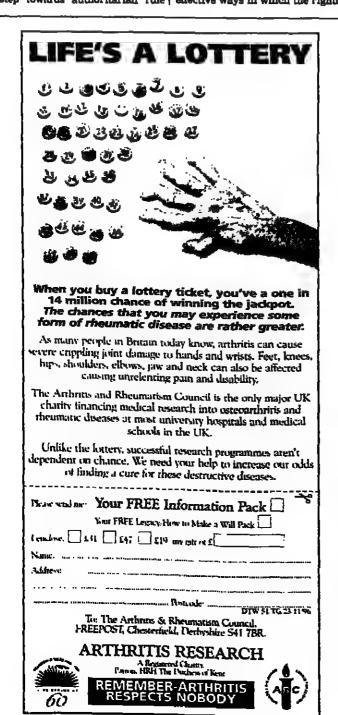


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following the Hillsborough disaster; where a child who was bullied mercilessly at school was awarded damages against the local education authority for failing properly to defend his rights and when the rugby player successfully sued the referee for failing properly to control a match in which he was catastrophically injured.

agencies, the more likely those agencies will strive to act properly and decently. A great American lawyer once The reality is that these cases illustrate the increasing willingsaid he would rather be at the top of the cliff building a fence than ness of members of the public to enforce their basic rights. The English common law has, since waiting at the bottom with an ambulance. Compensation claims medieval times, given citizens the really do work in improving safety standards in society and are in any event one of the most right to sue for personal injury. To restrict those rights would be one step towards authoritarian rule effective ways in which the rights



society. The more individuals are prepared to enforce their rights the greater is the chance that the negligent employer will decide they have to treat safety issues seriously. The more claims that are brought against government

at leisure.

During the summer I walked along the Cornish cliffs. Many of

them are crumbling. Sooner or later someone will fall into the

sea. The National Trust will be

sued and the result will be that miles of unspolit coastline will be

fenced like an urban park. Your

"great American lawyer" would

no doubt think that a step forward.

Former president, the Law

Yours sincerely.

Martin Mears

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of the individual can be seen to be protected and uphald. Yours sincerely. Ian J Walker

Vice-president, Personal Injury Lawyers Dear lan,

FM AFRAID your rhetoric rather gives the game away ("appalling psychological injury" etc). It is that of the jury advocats with a poor case. "Creeping American-isation", alas, is a reality. It means that we are moving towards a culture where there is no such thing as an unfortunate mishap where there is always someone to blame for life's knocks, where

tain disciplines were unable to

That hard cases make had law is

a cliché but true nonetheless. It is

the principle established by such

the kind of "stress" previously assumed to be inherent in the job.

also be thinking of suing their

which should worry us. The

obtain insurance.

Dear Martin, every mistake is to be counted as THANK YOU for your letter. I am culpable negligence.

In America this culture has pronot entirely sure what conclusion you reached, but I assume that duced a loathing for lawyers and disrespect for the law. It has also led to a situation where, in a you feel that, in some way, the law should restrict the right of acci-dent victims to obtain single year, \$33 billion is paid out by insurance companies against compensation. product liability claims. The epi-demic of medical negligence I, unlike you, see these people at first hand: the young woman dis-figured and disabled through the laims meant that doctors in cer-

neglect of her doctors; the police officer reduced to a mental wreck because no one gave her counsel-ling after she had been shot and stabbed; the steelworker with burns over 90 per cent of his body Hillsborough decision means that because his employers refused to take elementary safety precautions. We must have a culture in rescue workers can sue anyone who can be held responsible for which we all have respect for, and take reasonable care of, our fellow It seems police officers involved in the Dunblane massacre may humans. Unless the law gives vic-tims the right to hold those responsible for their injury account-able, there will be no incentive to chief constable and, following the

Hillsborough decision, why not? We both know, too, how technical make safety a real issue." I see no evidence of creeping Americanisation. We do not have is the concept of "negligence". In a jury trials in personal injury cases, and judge-made law will medical negligence case, conduct is assessed not by the standard of

inevitably ensure that the exa harassed house officer in a busy casualty ward but by that of an experienced consultant working cesses of the US system will not reach these shores.

I do hope that you will take the greatest care on any future cliff walks. The National Trust does have a duty to take reasonable care of you, and frankly ought to get sued if it allows you to fall to your doom over a dangerous cliff Yours sinceraly. ian Walker

Dear lan,

"DISFIGURED and disabled" "shot and stabbed". Here we go again! All your rhetoric does not deal with the central issue: where are decisions of the Hillsborough type leading us? Wisely you ignore my reference to Dunblane. Should the police officers involved there have the right to take part in the damages bonanza? If not, why not? The law already restricts the right of accident victims to obtain compensation. It is not enough to show simply that you have been "reduced to a mental wreck" etc. You have to show that someone can be blamed for this.

Until recently the English courts took a robust attitude. Rugby was assumed to be a rough game in which the participants accepted the risk of injury. No one thought of suing the referee. The idea that rescue workers should complain about "traumas" to be expected from the very nature of their work would have been thought absurd.

No creeping Americanisation? Haven't we already reached the point where almost every mishap or disappointment is assumed to create "stress" with the necessity for the involvement of a "stress

connsellor"? You acknowledge that the Amersociety. Yours sincerely, lan Walker

Dear ian,

ASKED where decisions of the Hillsborough type were leading. Your reply provides the answer: professional rescuera can claim lamages from their employer (in effect the taxpayer) for dealing with the very misfortunes they are paid to confront, while the parents, family and friends of those actually killed or injured are entitled to nothing, or minimal levels of compensation.

Judges faced by the conse-quences of a terrible accident are naturally tempted to stretch the law and provide a remedy. But this, as I keep saying, takes us down the American path. A doctor makes a misdiagnosis and can routinely expect a writ. A parent whose child falls of a local anthority swing automatically consults lawyers. If I fall off a cliff it must be the National Trust's fault. And, of course, few injuries are

as catastrophic as your rabble-rousing language might suggest. "Stress" claims already provide rich pickings for those who have an interest in encouraging them. · You say the Hillsborough rescue workers should be compensated. But traumatic motorway accidents are commonplace. Should ambulance crews be able to sue the drivers involved? What about passing motorists who might also be traunatised? Should they not have a remedy? And do not the families of those traumatised suffer? Why should they not claim as well?

"Impassioned argument"? Why not try clear thinking? Yours sincerely, Martin Mears

lose by telling a failing prime minister that the time had come to depart. Now I see the term applied to the likes of Siz Geottrey Johnson He may be a man of long parlie

mentary service and chairman of an influential committee, but his only club is the Travellers, and he used to work as a television pre-senter, which is hardly the stuff of grandeeship. Is he really One Of Them? Even if some people think he's a bit on the grand side, that's not a qualification. Many true Con-servative Party grandees in the past were modest, even bashful, in their demeanour.

HORT OF notions for Christmas? You will no doubt he as grateful as Smallweed for the latest brochure of Ideas For Christmas published by the d-i-y house Wickes. What's your fancy for a gift-wrapped surprise stowed by the hearth this Yule? A four-way workbench with vertical clamping system? A multi-point trailing socket? A softwood dado? A 16ounce steel claw-hammer complete with a leather loop? Or some-thing for the stocking, perhaps? A 14-inch TV bracket (comes in black or white)? A section of beech/oak laminate flooring? Ten

millimetres of loft roll? Just the job for a draughty stable. Beats gold frankincense and myrrh any day, I can tell you.

O SOONER has the search been abandoned for the el-derly lady in Hull who wouldn't claim her lottery money than another begins. Of 4,600 letters and petitions sent to the Welsh Office in response to the Govern-ment's nursery voucher scheme, just one supports it. Who wrote that letter? Welsh education minister Jonathan Evans won't tell, though he did give a juicy great hint the writer, he said, was a woman. That's half the population eliminated at a stroke.

Paul Flynn (Labour, Newport W), has appealed for sightings, "I think the nation deserves to know who this person is." he cove "She should come torward and confess. It would be good for her soul." If you know, don't ring Smallweed, who hopes to be up in Scotland today, watching top-of-the table Cowdenbeath in their needle match with Ross County; ring the South Wales Echo news desk on 01222583623.

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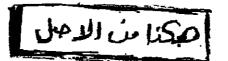
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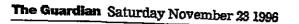
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E CAN'T, it appears, find £300 million to build a tun-nel to take the A303 under Stonehenge. Yet it's still in order to build an utterly useless (even if preity — we'll see) millennium dome at Greenwich, London, at a cost of some £350 million. Just as it's apparently feasible to spend the separation of the second of the second s Stonehenge tunnel instead. But don't call it a tunnel: call it the Salisbury Plain Millennium Linear Underground Dome. That should keep the Treasury happy.



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After a week of tax arguments,

Labour's agenda for social and economic advancement is outlined by

Tony Blair

O ONE can now doubt that the general election cam-paign is effectively under way. Having tried and falled to fight on the issue of the result of profilgate spending. The task for Labour between now and the election is not just to destroy that argument point by point but to put forward its own

coherent economic case, showing how the Tories have failed and how Labour can build lasting prosperity. The reaction to the launch of the Conservative Party's invented claims about Labour's tax and

spending plans has ranged from the honesty of one Conservative spokesman who admitted that the operation did not work "factually", to the less polite derision from obective commentators. This failure to convince is the

result of four factors. First, Labour has changed the argument on tax-ation. We have rejected the idea that higher tax is an end in itself. but recognise that tax cannot be divorced from the state of the econonry. High tax is not a virility symbol of the Left and we have rejected the intellectually lazy idea that whatever the levels of tax spend and borrowing under the Tories, they must automatically be higher under Labour. Of course, Labour would like to

give a higher priority to education and our health service. But there are many areas we would like to spend less on — health bureau-crats, the costs of unemployment and crime

approach we have not made com-mitments to greater spending years before we are in a position to assess what the country can afford. In 1992 Labour was saddled with spending commitments made four years before the election. People were left not grateful for the benefit largesse that we promised to dis-tribute, but scared about how we would pay for it. This time around, where we have made spending

commitments we have shown ex-actly how they can be funded. Third, we are more determined Third, we are more determined to counter every Tory lie, quickly and effectively. In the past we wrongly assumed that figures that obviously lacked any credibility would have no public impact, even if left unchallenged. This time we are taking no such chances. Each of the 80 claims of extra unfunded spending was destroyed by 3pm on the day they were made.

Fourth, and the overwhelming reason why the Conservative reason why the Conservative attack is less likely to hit home is the Tories' own credibility on tax-ation. Whatever the Chancellor does on Tuesday, people will be paying more tax at the time of the 1997 general election than in 1992. The Tories have put up taxes 22 times at a cost to the twical family times, at a cost to the typical family of £2,000 by the time of the next election. This has not been to fund generosity to those most in need: government spending is now skewed towards picking up the costs of economic failure, rather

than investing for the future. Our case is that neither state control nor unbridled *laissez faire* can deliver economic success today. There are new dividing lines in the debate: between Labour which sees the route to competi-tiverwas as investment in skills and logy, and the Conservatives

who are pursuing a doomed | 15 for job creation, and our annual attempt to compete on the basis of a ow-wage, low-skill economy.

Between Labour which sees fis-cal prudence and stability as a necary precondition for growth, and the Conservatives who have pursued a policy of boom and bust ver the last 17 years.

Between Labour which sees an economic imperative in fighting growing inequality, and the Conservatives who do not. Between Labour which sees posi-

tive engagement in Europe as fun-damental to our economic success, ement in Europe as funand the Conservatives who talk

and the conservatives who talk more and more of withdrawal. It was for a long time popular perception that Labour was the party of social policy, and the Con-servatives the party of economic policy. In part the Left encouraged this view. Tony Crosland's The Future Of Socialism argued that rapid economic growth and changes in the distribution of economic power meant that socialists should focus on distribution of the cake, not expansion of its size.

HIS separation of economic and social policy is a dan-gerous fallacy. It is not just that our social aims depend on the success of an econom ed to benefit the man icy design and not just the few, but also that the Conservatives have shown themselves to be monumentally incompetent and unjust in their mangement of the economy.

Seventeen years of Con government have left us ill-equipped for a new economic world of intense global competition. We are 42nd in the world skills league. We are 11th out of 15 for inflation, 11th out of 15 for interest rates which are now going up, 11th out of

growth rate since 1979 has been the slowest of any major European country.

Our tests for Tuesday's budget are these:

• We cannot compromise the need for macroeconomic stability. Low inflation and low interest rates combine to encourage investment that is the only route to lasting prosperity, and they require prudent management of public finances. We are committed to the "golden rule" - borrowing only to

invest over the cycle. • We must equip ourselves for the future by investing in the things that power growth - skills, technology, infrastructure, research

either by government action di-rectly, through our proposed Indi-vidual Learning Accounts, or by using public-private partnerships to support investment We must tackle inequality which

is itself a major cause of slow growth. Moving people from wel-fare to work is an economic as well as a social priority. We have pledged to use the proceeds of a

prograd to use the proceeds of a windfall levy on the excess profits of the privatised utilities to get 250,000 young people back to work. Combined with a national mini-mum wage, designed to make work pay, and our long-term tax objec-tion of a new long-term tax objective of a new lower starting rate of tax of 15p or 10p (to replace the Tories' objective of abolishing capi-tal gains and inheritance tax at a cost of £4.6 billion), we can start to tackle the poverty traps the Tories

have created. · Finally, we want to see a new drive for fairness in government policy. If money is available for tax cuts, let it be used for the 15 or 10p rate, or to cut VAT on fuel. VAT was doubled in 1979 and extended

to fuel at 17.5 per cent (until Labou won a vote to cut it in 1994). If the Tories do not cut VAT on fuel to 5 per cent, that policy will be in our election manifesto.

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Labour's economic strategy is designed to do what is right for the country if we win power. But it is also designed to avoid the political mistakes that will be ruthlessly ex-

ploited if we make them. Some people say that our ap-proach is timid. I ask them: surely you cannot believe the Tories are spending £300 billion in the way it should be spent. We have always said that after the Tories' last bud get, and in time for the election, we will set out any tax plans that we have.

The first rule of politics should be to promise only what you can deliver. We are committed to the minimum wage, constitutional reform (including House of Lords reform), replacement of the nursery voucher programme, support-ing Europe and the social chapter, new targets for environmental im-provement, replacement of the internal market in the NHS, crime prevention measures supported this week by the Audit Commission, and a housing programme led by the phased release of capital receipts. Is that not a vision worth fighting for? And does it not offer a new course for British politics

Everything suggests that these are the dying days of a bankrupt regime. For more than a year, the whole of government business has been laying traps for Labour. They have nothing to say on the big issues that face us. Yet they are a formidable fighting machine. Out response has to be canny as well as principled, effective as well as strikingly presented. That is what





Then and now . . . Terry Anderson in the ruins of Sabra-Chatila Palestinian refugee camp in southern Beirut, destroyed by Israeli air strikes in 1982, and, below, as he was in 1987 in a picture released by his captors

Return to the lion's den



feel to confront the horror of places where you were held hostage for 2,454 days? lan Black reports as Terry Anderson goes back to Beirut

hostage days. He has eaten well evidently too well, to make up for nearly seven lost years at the pleasure of his Leba-

nese captors. "I am always struggling with my weight," he admits ruefully. "But otherwise I'm okay." Squeezed into a smart two-piece suit, he looks fine and sounds confident, even polished, stopping over in London with the final cut of the film he has made to chase out the last of his demons. Going out on CNN next month, the fifth anniversary of his release, it looks at a Lebanon recovering from its nightmare years, as Anfrom its nightmare years, as An-derson is from his own, in that fractured, dangerous land. "The lions are all tamed," he quips. "There are a few lurking around in the bushes, but nothing to worry about. They have other tar-gets these days." Anderson's long ordeal began on March 16, 1985, when gummen bundled him into a car as he returned to his Beirut anariment

returned to his Beirut apartment after an early morning game of tennis. The Associated Press bureau chief, ex-marine and Vietnam vet was one of the first civil-ian victims of the vicious war between the West and Lebanon's fundamentalist Shi'ite Muslims ----Hizbullah, Islamic Jihad, or whatever name they were using. And he was the last of the western bostages to be freed, in Damascus on

December 4, 1991. He talks matter of factly about the intervening 2,454 days — being beaten, blindfolded, chained like a dog and moved around from collar to hoved often mummified cellar to hovel, often mummified in masking tape by the guards he still cannot quite bring himself to hate.

Going back now, Anderson explains, without any of the psycho-babble you might expect from someone coming to terms with

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nese wife who bore their daughter three months after he was kidnapped (he did not meet his child until she was six).

"In the past five years we've pretty well dealt with everything we had to deal with. But there was still this thing. And Lebanon is a part of my life. It's my wife's fam-ily, my daughter's heritage. So now I've gone back the block is gone, I can go back any time I want. It's not a problem any more. And you know, you always have to test things. What would it feel like talking to Hizbulah? I didn't know, I wanted to find out. And I

know, I wanted to indi out. And I did. And it was okay." It was frightening though. An-derson had his.first back-in-prison nightmare for ages a week before leaving for Beirut, but he knew what he wanted to do and it did not include confronting his

tormentors directly: two years earlier he had accompanied a Vietnam veteran, a POW for six-and-a-baif years, back to the infa-mous "Hanoi Hilton". After that he wasn't interested in old prison cells and interview-

ing guards, though he could identify most of the places where he was held and he lingered outside the sinister Sheikh Abdullah barracks in Baalbek, then Hizbullah's headquarters and his home for two long stints. He also knew the identities of

some of those responsible — their leader, imad Mughniyeh, still moves between Iran and Lebanon, a wanted and dangerous man though he talks of his guards without rancour: "They were peculiar people ... they wanted to be liked. Every time something bad would happen, they'd give some body a beating, there'd be some

punishment — you could count on it, later they'd be down with a plate of cookies or a Coke." Yet he was curious and coura-

whose predecessors have been variously targeted by the CIA, blown up, or kidnapped by the Is-raelis, Nasrallah was polite but impassive, refusing to condemn hostage-taking or express even a smidgeon of regret. Anderson, ever the professional journalist, smiles as he talks to the clerk on camera, but admits to feeling uneasy:

"He hasn't changed his mind; tactics perhaps, but not his opin-ions. It was a little bit uncomfortable because I don't agree with these people and I think that, should the circumstances arise, they're quite capable of doing it again. I don't think they will, be-cause it's not useful to them any more. It was a seven-year-long les-son for everybody. This kind of thing doesn't work. Nobody gains from it, not even the kidnappers.

IKE everybody else in Lebanon they have stopped killing

each other ... that's a major step forward. But in some ways they haven't changed at all. It's that soft, smilling rigidity. They don't shout. They're nice, gentle, and just as hard as a rock. It was a little strange, but that's okay. It was a long time ago." Other hostages — Brian Keenan and Tom Sutherland in particular — have paid tribute to Anderson's

strength: he was the hard-nosed newsman who inspired them, through prayer and sheer bloodyminded grit, to get through the endless days — though Keenan graphically describes the American once banging his head despairingly against a wall until it bled. And Anderson himself tells without emotion of shackling his

That strength is impressively, movingly evident now in his abil-ity to put it all behind him at the suffering. His visit to Qana, where a hundred cowering refugees died in last April's Israell offensive, same time as acknowledging how the experience has become part of his life. It reminded me of the story that Bric Lomax tells in his best-selling book The Railway Man, a painful journey of reconciliation and forgiveness for the Japanese who imprisoned and tortured him on the death railway of Burma in the second world war. though it took Lomax - in an age when counselling was unheard of and POWs were deemed to have

and POWs were deemed to nave shirked the "real" action — most of the rest of his life to come to terms with what had happened. Anderson was living with Ma-deleine and separated from his first wife and child when he was kidnapped, but family plays a cen-tral role in his post-hostage for-tume And he is husy, teaching tume. And he is busy, teaching journalism at Columbia University and active in the Vietnam Chil-dren's Fund, the Interfaith Alliance (a Christian group devoted to combating the religious right) and the Committee to Protect Journalists.

He has quit AP and no longer files copy daily, but still likes to tell a story. He lectures often to Americans who find the labyrinthine ways of the Middle East hard to negotiate and are confused by the duplicity of a government that sent a gung-ho marine lieutenant-colonel — Oliver North - to negotiate with what Anderson calls "rug merchants in Tehran" and then ensuared Terry Waite in Mughniyeh's net. Anderson wants to improve the image of a land of bombings, fanaticism and brutality by showing the generosity, the joie de otore and the beautiful women and landscapes that Lebanon boasts. Yet the country of his ordeal

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In last April's Israell offensive, was a bloody reminder that not all Lebanon's tragedies are of its own making. The "other targets" An-derson speaks of in his den of lions are down south these days. Five years on, getting together with fellow members of the ex-bostages' club still plays a part in bis life though he gives the imhis life, though he gives the imhis life, though he gives the im-pression that it may not continue that way. Waite, the least popular of them, by most accounts, "gave me the worst pub dinner I've ever had in my life." Anderson laughs. "We never talk about those days other than to joke about them. But we know each other very well. And we actually do like each other" — a pause — "mostly."

we know each other very well. And we actually do like each ther"— a pause — "mostly." One lingering worry is what the first."

Eric Ambler Ó

at the National Film Theatre Sunday November 24 2.30pm

Eric Ambler became famous for his novels between 1935 and 0 1940. After working in Hollywood he decided to leave the film world and return to Europe to resume writing. He will be talking about his career with The Observer's Philip French

life."

rested and brought to court I would, of course, be asked to tes-

tify along with other hostages. I probably would. I don't believe

that the requirement laid on me to

forgive my enemies means they should not be punished for what they did. But it's not anything I think about or would wish to be involved in at this point. I have a

It is apparently a happy and bal-anced one, proving that living well is the best revenge. "You begin to move on," Anderson

says. "I'm still 'the former hos-tage' In the United States, and that's okay. I don't mind that But I'm beginning to do other things.

Bob Rafelson 10

at the National Film Theatre Sunday November 24 2.00pm

Having created the Monkees' film Head in 1968, Bob Rafelson went on to make Five Easy Pieces and The King of Marvin Gardens with Jack Nicolson. Rafelson will be in discussion with Derek Malcom about his latest film Blood and Wine.

The Guardian has five pairs of tickets to give away to each interview for the first readers to show this offer at the NFT Box Office, South Bank, London SE1 from 10.30am today and the Booth on the Square, Leicester Square from midds

18 THE WEEK

Welcome to planet Simpson

Stuart Jeffries celebrates the arrival on British terrestrial television of an ugly, yellow, dysfunctional **American** family

RGUABLY, the last thing the BBC should broadcast is The Simpsons. It's not t because the show fitfully laughs at the British, although that's annoying enough: when the show's dentist wants to scare kids into scrupuwants to scare kins into scrupp lous dental care, he shows them pictures of the Royal Family. Pictures of yellowing teeth in disease-ridden mouths. "You wanna wind up like these guys?" he asks. "Do you?" It's not even because in show-

ing The Simpsons the BBC has arguably become Rupert Murdoch's patsy. For years, his Fox Corporation, which makes the cartoon sitcom, would not sell The Simpsons to the BBC on TrV because he preferred to screen it on his own British satellite channel, Sky One, from 1990 onwards. Now Murdoch has given the BBC the rights to buy the first three series, while Sky soon starts showing the eighth series. But, because later episodes are more sophisticated (There's No Disgrace Like Home, for instance, the opieced with which the RBC the episode with which the BBC starts its Simpsons broadcasting on Saturday, is crude fare compared to the more recent shows), it's not difficult to work out Murdoch's strategy: he sustains the allure of Sky One (which has little other appeal being otherwise chiefly compose of dodgy US drama serials), while the BBC gives him free advertising for the new product it is prohibited from purchasing itself. No, the reason the BBC perhaps

shouldn't show The Simpsons is because it is rooted in comic failure. And the comedy of failure is so much part of our bro deau heritage, so embedded in British culture, that what we don't need is a lesson from the US in the one thing Britain knows better than

anybody else. Galton and Simpson made carsers from aspirant comic characters who could not escape their ruts: Hancock, despite the Noel Coward smok-ing jacket and the intellectual



Bush claimed. "To make the Amer-

ican family more like the Waltons

and less like the Simpsons." A scary way of devising social pol-icy, whichever family you choose

solutions. In contrast, a good cos-

tume designer thinks little of his ego and much of his brief. He

pends time in libraries, visits cos-

tume museums and steeps himself

in plot and characters as well as

social period before he even picks

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is simply not allowed for in a com-

Of course, there are good design-

ers on the freelance market. Opera,

ferent from that required of the BBC design team. Ballet, opera and

theatre productions, it can be argued, are a privilege for the few,

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ballet and the theatre would be seriously weakened without them. But the role they play is subtly dif-

as the role model.

for 10-year-olds, if you will, while ... n. Who the Hell "Fro Bert Sins are you?" is written on one of his Tshirts. These catchohrases capture the essence of the character whose name, as even the most Simpeonian underachiever will have recognised, is

"Lunch time" is his favourite subject,

"Aoting immeture" is his favourite hobby. For example ... "Woohool All right! Scho called! Noi and Video Arcade

here I come." Bart also loves to make hoax phone calls to the drunks at Moe's Tayern, such as ...

Recently, a book entitled The Simpsons Comic Extraveganza published Bart's Bottom 40 pet hates. Here are some of the lowlights: off the old block Parants who have Cartoons with no fun viol

such issues, and also about the cult of Bart. The snotty balch-meister, forever frozen as a 10-year-old brar with a serrated hairline to match his spiky attitude to authority, is not exactly a proper role model for kids to apple pie moms and dads. His image has been banned for this reason from many schools - ludireason from many schools — indi-crously, given its ubiquity else-where. Groening revels in the Simpsons' controversial status: "If we can make a cartoon that makes one part of the audience laugh and just enrages another part of the audience that's just the best feeling is the arreld " in the world." Much American comedy, though verbally biting, is timid in what it

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will represent and criticise. The dysfunctional alcoholics of Cheers were never depicted as drunk, yet Homer and the other habitues of Moe's Tavern are vir habitues of Moe's layer during tually always committedly drunk and stupid. The contented smoker is also excluded from sanitised American programming, and yet barely an episode goes by without Marge Simpson's husky-voiced alsters sucking noisily on twin king sizeds. You will rarely see a perent shaking his boy by the throat in the Simpsons this image throat: In the simpoins the market of bad parenting is so regularly deployed that it has become a T-shirt illustration. You won't often see a television character glowing see a ratevision character growing green from radiation poisoning; yet Homer sometimes does. In a belevision culture that privileges the beautiful and the healthy. The Simpsons strikes a blow for the uppy and the hurzer chessed and the burger-obsessed. characters may be two-ensional, but they are more counded, more real than many n American television.

The main reason for watching the Simpsons, though, is that it is such a pleasure. Even at the level of animation, for which it has been unfavourably compared to the sophisticated graphic artistry of Ren And Stimpy or Two Bad Dogs, the show is decep-tively rich. Not just in the hilariously ultra-violent pes-tiche of Tom And Jerry, called tiche or form and serry caned fichy And Scratchy the show that so obsesses Bart and Lisa. The Simpsons family may look like yellow freaks with four fin-gers (it was a particular delight when Marge recently counted to for multiple and the starting of the second when Marge recently counted to five and had to transfer to a second hand towards the end) and preposterous overbites, but they have a remarkable amount of cartoon heritage written into their fea-tures. Homer's brown five o'clock shadow achoes the depiction of lower-class types from the Flintlower-class types from the Flint-stones to the Ant Hill Moh. The drawing eschews the thin-lined figures of Hanna Berbera's proto-dysfunctional toon, Wait Thi Your Fathey Gets. Home, preferring more readily identifiable carica-tures which are nonstheless suffi-ciently schematic not to have the poncey finish of, say, Disney's menageric or Roger Rabhit. Again, the makers of the Simp-aons delight themselves and us in

sons delight themselves and us in pestiching fishionable develop-ments in animation. In a recent pisode Tiomer was tree into a computer generated figure à la Toy Story Two dimensions became three, and then the snima-tors pulled off the coup de grace, grafting this on to a film of people walking down a street. Suddenly Homer was walking down Main

SHOOTING STARS

JOHN FREDERIC LEWIS

Up . . . Gainsborough? Yup, we But Victorian artist John Frederic Lewis? They love him in the Middle East — he liked to dress in Arab robes - but he's been overshadowed over here. Up . . . in 1977, there are early rum-

blings of the heights to which Lawis's work will climb when his Lilium Auratum sells for £27,500 at Christie's.

And away This week, that same painting has been exchanged for a tidy £826,500 at Sotheby's, a watercolour record. Did a creditcard-toting shopper get confused in search of the 'John Lewis sale'?

FALLINIO TIM RICE



Going Way way back many centuries ago/ not long after the bible began, Tim Rice and his buddy Andy are cool(ish). They enjoy mustcal trumph (Joseph!) after musical hamoh (Evita').

Going . . . But the golden boys drift charts, but inside, Tim is weeping. Gone . . . This week, his first en smash returned to London. But critics united in the conviction that Tim's lyncs no longer cut the mus-tard. There is something curiously unaffecting about the idea that Josus Christ is a Superstar at all. As for him being 'cool about his fate'...

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remain baffled on the first page of Bertrand Russell, Harold Steptoe, for all his bourgeois dreams, was fated to live and work in a rag-andbone yard. In Fawity Towers, Basil would never succeed in freeing the botel from riff-raff or eluding his RO wife's arriviste vulgarity in John Sullivan's Only Fools And Horses Del Boy Trotter could never pull

the scam that would buy him a one way ticket out of Peckham.

Homer Simpson, the father of the family that hits BBC1 on Sat-urday, is like all of these characters in that he is a ground-down anti-hero who is designed to be laughed at, hardly ever with. "OK, brain," he said when required to re-take his high school exams, "You don't like me and I don't like you. So let's get through this, and I can get back to killing you with beer." Even his paternal advice to his son Bart is revealingly hopeless: "Son, when participating in sports, it's not whether you win or lose, it's how drunk you get." This is the key difference between The Simpsons and that other US blue collar sitcom, Roseanne; in the latter, for the most part, we laugh with the Connors, in sympathy with their adversity or in praise of

their ingenuity. Homer may suffer from radiation poisoning from working at Springfield's nuclear power plant, have his most intimate relation-ship with the telly, he may be fatally addicted to beer and doughnuts, intellectually inferior to his dummy-sucking daughter Maggie, but he is happy. He's a conformist out of fear of unemployment and

anaoram of Brat. "Don't have a cow, Pa," saya Bart when his thick dad. Homer, loses his temper. His relationship with Homer is proto-

Oedical, Respect is not due his dad, nor is it given to any other authority, especially at achool, where out of fear of not being loved. "I'm Americans have contemplated the bilarity of failure: the rake that

not popular enough to be different' be says in an uncharacteristic burst of self-understanding. Or would smack Tom in the face whenever he rounded the corner in pursuit of Jerry; the 500ft drop he advises Bart: "Never say anything unless you're sure everyone else feels exactly the same way." that would open up below Coyota as he pursued Roadrunner over the cliff. The lingering double-take And so, like Roseanne, there is a double-edged celebration of blue collar US culture: Kwik-E-Marta, Monster Truck Rallies and doughto camera, the rapid descent into converging verticals. No wonder, either, that George nut concessions jostle for attention, but in Springfield there is a total absence of early music festi-Bush rounded on the show in his 1992 election campaign. "We're vals and not one decent German literature club. It's the flip side of going to keep on trying to strengthen the American family,"

the American Dream, about a society that has stopped dreaming, and instead takes succour in alcohol-fuelled conformism or by wal-lowing in failure in a way alien to Hancock, Fawlty or Del Boy. Their feelings of shame, embarrassment

but the slogan expressed a culture of cool anomie. Cool? Let's put it this way: Bart's first words were "Ay caramba!" No wonder The Simpsons is a president. The show always starts with Bart being punished at school by having to write lines on

Bart retorted when the clip was feelings of shame, embarrassment or doom come from a culture ill-at-ease with itself; the Simpsons are rarely so insecure. "Under-achiever and proud of it," was Bart's T-shirt slogan, and the shirt sold more than a million a week to US schoolkids at the end of the eighties. State schools banned it, but the slogan expressed a culture shown during The Simpsons; "Hey, we're just like the Waltons. "Hey we're just like the Waltons. We're praying for an end to the Depression, too." When Dan Gnayle visited a school during the 1992 election campaign and corrected a girl's spelling of the word "potato" by adding an "e", the Simpsons quickly satirised the former vice president The show always starts

hoaxes, like the opening sequence, supply a running gag for the show. Bart's other phone hoaxes include... "Hugh Jass?" Why can't I find An

cartoon, for it is in this form that | the class blackboard: "I will not yell "firel" in a crowded class-room." "Organ transplants are "Organ transplants are best left to professionals." And then, in June 1992: "Potato, not potatos." Quayle never looked less vice presidential

> UT WHAT does The Simpsons have for us, apart from shother slice of American cul-tural imperialism? One minor thing it does is throw another shovelful of earth on the dead notion that Britain is the home of irony and the States devoid of subtle wit. Writing in the Guardian recently, Elaine Showalter cited The Simpsons, along with Seinfeld and The Larry Sanders Show, as examples to demonstrate that the latter point is false, but so is the former, particularly when British sitcom humour has become remarkably puerile. Irony and wit may be alive and well elsewhere in British cul-ture (probably in Chris Morris's henned satirical show Prass Se banned satirical show Brass Eye, though we may never know for sure), but they are presently absent without leave from our sit-coms. The chief expressions of comic wit and irony will doubtless be made next week when the

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> award is given for the best FTV sitcom, a programme that is, one can safely predict, barely distinguishable in quality from the worst

One of the main virtues of The Simpsons, which makes the show singular among Murdoch prod-ucts, is its subversiveness. The fact that the show is a cartoon belps in this. The Simpsons first appeared in 1987 on The Tracey Uliman Show as a "bumper" (le a 15-second segment before a com-mercial break). This was a sattrical skit during a show for adults, and creator Matt Groening maintains that the show, which pre-miered as a half-hour programme in January 1990, is still for adults. But this is not wholly convincing: because TV cartoons shows ha always been ostensibly targeted at children. The Simpsons can read-ily be taken as a children's show, yet one that deals with such purportedly adult issues as govern-ment, conjugal infelicity, therapy ("I have some issues to do with my beloved smother — I mean mother," says Bart's school principal when spotted in the shrink's waiting room). It's here that the subversivenes

is most controversial: some grouns of American parents are uneasy about their children's exposure to

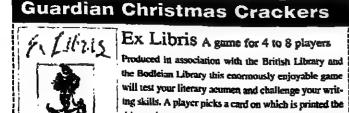
Street USA, the same size as the humans, who looked at him amazed. It was, surely one of the most uncanny moments in animation history. Like the best American imports,

it is almost profileste with its entertainment — visual jokes abound behind the action, as do nest film references, some of which you won't get the first time around. There's an assumption smong the makers that some view-ers will tape the show, play it back and daily with the pause button. There's a spirit of generosity towards the viewer (all but absent from British-made programming) in all this that comes from being made by animators who love tele vision, were raised on it and appreciate its potential.

This is one of the reasons why it is worth viewers catching up with the Simpsons on terrestrial TV more than half a decade after it was first fashionable. It is a show truly and unashamedly of the television age. The makers embrace television figuratively, using the medium to produce substantial entertainment. Homer embraces the TV literally seeing in it reas-surance in an otherwise disap-pointing life. His kids do the same, regarding it as more stable and regarding it as more scale and nurturing than their parents. "Bart? Lisa? Are you hugging the television again?" asks Homer Of course they are. It's their only hope in a grisly world.

There's No Disgrace Like Home is on BBC1 today at 5.30pm; a documen-tary, The Simpsons Have Landedi, will be shown on Sunday at 3.15pm.

So the BBC is to axe its 60-year-old costume department. Fashion historian Colin McDowell cries foul



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Dress to kill

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EN BEHAVING badly is nothing new at the BBC. The latest example is the innouncement last week that the costume department is to close with the loss of 117 jobs. Since 1994, it has made losses totalling £10 million. This is clearly a problem that needs to be addressed, but surely it would have been more sensible not to lose the expertise and knowledge gained by 60 years of experience but to have relixed the budget and instituted more The decision to liquidate the department seems especially foolish when it is known that much of the success of BBC drama in the

MISTRESS WESTWOOD RAN IT UP FOR ME. F what will be lost - not just authen-ticity and integrity but the creative **B** And what is to take the costume department's place? Design teams headed by consultants — by the nature of their training, people geared to quick turnover and slick

2 Aun who frequently bring their own background knowledge to an interprelation of the dress on the stage, whereas television drama is aimed at a wider and less culturally complete andience. And, television being a medium of record, authenticity is a vital part of the interpre-tation of any work of literature on the box. Actors spend hours "feel-way in which an item of clothing is worn. One of the blots on the suc-cess of Pride And Prejudice was Darcy's plunge into the pool. He didn't do it in Jane Austen and he wouldn't have done it in real life. It

was a gratuitous modern addition which had only one purpose — to let the millions of viewers enjoy seeing his shirt stick to his body. The moment was false, but the shirt — in cuff, colour and bulk . was not. It is this integrity that the BBC is putting at risk. Freelance designers are like all

others who live by their wits. Knowing that they are only as good as their last production and only likely to be invited back if they cut corners in order to remain within budget, they must iettison the minutiae of the perfec tionist. Approximation supplants precision.

There is a further danger already apparent in much that appears in the West End theatre Flashiness becomes more highly valued than authenticity and tha leads to a mannered perfection of the sort that weakened all of Cecil the sort that weatened all of Cecu Beaton's productions and culmi-nated in the vacuity of the Ascot scene in My Fair Lady, which had all the authenticity of a formica wooden work surface.

The moment "costumes designed by..." becomes the norm, the number of spectacular designs will increase, authentic designs

plummet. There are no curtains to raise on TV. It is not the designer's job to create tableaux vivants to make the audience gasp and appland, TV is too realistic a medium for that. What is required is the feeling of "rightness", and that can best be achieved by design anonymity. What can the future hold for classic serials if the Standaus of the sectore is grandeur of the costume is allowed to become a vying point? Has French theatre ever recovered from the ostentation of display which took hold in the fin de siècle and frequently ruptured the authenticity of the action?

What is the logical conclusion to bringing in outside designers? Are we on the brink of the celebrity designer in classic serials? Imagine Emma dressed by Versace, or Madame Bovary costumed by Lacroix. How do you fancy Henry James seen through the eyes of Raiph Lauren or Tennessee Williams clothed by Calvin Klein? Costume drama is staring into

the void. If the BBC design unit cannot be reinstated, at least someone at Television Centre should be laying down some pretty stringent guidelines before the "designed by ... " bonanza gets under way

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The rash in crash

T'S LIKE Crash without the ex. And without the artistic integrity. And They Walked Away (Sky Sports 3) is a series made up of car crashes from various motor sports events. In the programme's closing montage, motorbikes collided and the two unseated riders tumble over each other in slow motion so we saw exactly how they injured themselves. It cried out for nice ballet music. Then a long-nosed drag racer's front wheels took off and the disintegrating snout spun in mid-air as it exploded into a fireball. The chassis from another racer took off as it burned down the track, leav-ing the helmeted driver holding the steering wheel. The show closes on a freeze-frame of a car. But don't get too upset, guys: don't forget, they walked away. I first saw this show in a bar where it was screened on a row

of TVs above the heads of the staff. Instead of one car overturning and smacking into a wall there were six in front of me. The sound was turned down in favour of a more ambient MTV soundtrack: the spectacle of car crashes was deemed to be a suitable background for leisure.

What was most astounding was the fact that nobody seemed to be disturbed by what was on television. "I can't believe they're showing car crashes," I said to man at the bar. He shrugged: "The match starts soon." And when it did, people started showing an Interest in the screen. Perhaps that's what I lost in my moral outrage: And They Walked

Away's crashes make dull view-ing. Unlike football matches, you know how these dramas are going to end — with a fire-ball and a stunned, smokeblackened figure staggering back to the pits. Yet watching the programme at home intensified its sleazy.

cowardly nature. That's not entirely because the cheapo synthesiser music, with its two moods - portentous and exu-berant - echoed the typical soundtrack on the Adult Channel. But also because then you could study each crash with an obliging commentary. Two drag racers with flames coming from beneath the doors shot down the track, then something happened. "Forest loses trac-tion, Forest loses control, Forest hits wall, Forest hits wall again this time much handle activ - this time much harder," said commentator Steve Evans. But by hitting the wall, Forest dis-qualified himself from the race. Or at least that was his pur-

ported interest: the repeated slowed-down images indicated the drama of near death was more important. Forest was the show's hero. He had had four crashes in the

He had had four crashes in the T92 season. In one, at the Winston Drag Racing Finals in Pamona, his car flipped and, as it slid upside down along the track, almost caught his oppo-nent's tail. "It's just one of them things that happens," said Forest after he'd been pulled from the wreck. "We ain't out of this race. We got another car in the trailer." "Hed Sigmund Frand ever

"Had Sigmund Freud ever met John Forest he would have rewritten all his books before killing himself," said Evens. "Forrest is a one off." Or at east the kind of hell-is-forheroes nutcase without whom And They Walked Away would

be impossible. Cowardly? The programme pussyfooted around issues of physical vulnerability and horror, supplying us with repeated images of destruction, while falsely reassuring us that everything ends happily. There must be much filmed footage of crashes where drivers were mutilated or killed. Tm not advocating programmes made up of such footage. But They Didn't Walk Away, or They Died Screaming could be more honest depictions of what happens at the limits of human experience. The limits that both draw and repel us.

gallons more charm and wit. WAVE RIDING Nevertheless, Evans puts Chris Tarrant (Capital Radio) ANNE KARPF out of court. Tarrant has many dimirers, but all I hear in Surrey Man, brittle beneath the bonhomic, with an aren't-Iwacky sense of humour. Top 40 music is interspersed with games like True Or False, a guessing quit for which the only qualification is greed: histening to it is the equivalent of watching the Lottery. Tarrant's Birthday Bonanza is equally a matter of serendipity: all you need to win is to listen to Chris Capital Radio and to have been

Can screen and stage work together to produce a new medium? Michael Billington applauds David Farr's adventurous attempt to marry them in Max Klapper – A Life In Pictures **Footage and footlights**

The experience

ILM and theatre: the two are normally seen as aesthetic enemies. But two works this week have shown the tantalia ing possibilities of inter-action between them. David Farr's Mar Klapper — A Life In Pictures, showing at the Electric Cinema, is described as "a play with film". And David Freeman's ENO production of Die Soldaten at the Coliseum uses film as a continu-ous commentary on the live action. This week you could go to the movies without leaving your theatre seat.

theatre seat. It is not, of course, a new idea. The Germans, in particular, have often tried to marry the two art-forms. As long ago as 1911 a Berlin revue was introduced by a light-hearted film sequence. The great director, Erwin Piscator, used film in 1927 in Toller's Hop-pla Wir Labent claiming it could used film in 1927 in Toller's Hop-pla, Wir Lebeni claiming it could depict the interaction between the individual and society. More recently, Peter Sellars has adapted the technique: his updated Merchant Of Venice used banks of TV monitors to give as close-ups of Shylock dur-ing the trial scene as well as footage of the LA riots. But this week the idea of ass.

But this week the idea of as thetic intermarriage has been taken even further. Max Klapper is both a co-production between the Gate Theatre and British Screen and an attempt to interweave the marrative structures of theatre and film. Farr's story, with its schoes of Sunant Boule vard and Citizen Kans, is for a start about cinema itself. Mar Elapper is a reclusive ex-director. now living in Cheshire, who made his last Hollywood picture in 1947 and who is sought out by a slenthing Guardian journalist. We flash back in time to discover why his career was wrecked. We find that his final film, The Beauthul receive was both an attempt to recreate a doomed love affair of his youth and a mark of his inability to distinguish life and art: in his quest for the perfect heroine he becomes an almost insane control-freak who finally

has to kill the thing he loves. On its own, it might be just another anti-Hollywood satire: a genre dating back to Kaufman and Hart's Once In A Lifetime. What gives it a multi-layered fas-cination is the use of film. Sometimes it is used sardonically as in the hilarious screen tests in which Max scours America for the perfect heroine. But it also deployed both to recreate The Beautiful People itsaif, a some-what improbable forties flick

innar life was determined by Gothic fantasy. At times the point is heavy-

witty (I particularly liked the British-sriled Max's point that "I was sent to an island where cinhandedly made: the 1940s film looks as if it hailed from the Gerema doesn't mean anything"), Anthony Higgins is outstanding as the manipulative Max, cigaman UFA studios rather than Holrette Tynanishly held between lywood. But the writing is often

Max factor ... Anthony Higgins (Klapper) and Emily Lloyd in a show that proves film and theatre don't need to be enemies PHOTOGRAPH: HENRIETTA BUTLER

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second and third fingers, while Emily Lloyd as his lowa-born dis-covery has a face that lights up on screen. It is a bizarre, fiftfully impressive evening but one that shows film and theatre can be artistic partners rather than

artistic partners rather than sworn enemies. Farr uses film to explain his hero's psychology: Freeman in Zimmermann's opera. Die Sol-daten, deploys it politically. Pis-cator justified the use of film on the grounds that "I need the means to show the interaction between the sreat burgan used between the great human and supra-human factors and the indvidual or class." That is also Freeman's intention: the destruction of the opera's heroine, Marie, by male militaristic val ues is accompanied by shots of the Falklands, the Gulf war and even video computer games in

What gives this satire a layered fascination is the use of film

which toy men battle it out to the death. An individual tragedy is visually related to societal values

But Freeman also uses film to heighten emotion: the climactic rape of Marie is seen in violent and hideous close-up in a way that makes it even more ugly and shocking. Sellars did something similar in The Merchant, showing how the camera could be used to redouble the effect of what was

happening on stage. To some people this will be anathema: a destruction of the sacred bond that exists between actor and audience. But, while I'm not advocating that every play or opera should have film footage or a video close-up, I still believe there is an unexplored potential here. Film, as we have seen this week, can both enhance live action and relate it to our society. Far from being the antithesis of theatre, it can also be its ally. Wouldn't we be crazy

not to use it? Max Klapper — A Life in Pictures at the Electric Cinema, Portobello Road, London (+44-171 420 0000); Die Soldsten at the London Collseum (+44-171 632 8300).

about a vision of a promised land, and the world of the German silents that shaped Mar's

imagination. Indeed what Sen Hopkins suggests, by the use of Germanic lighting and Expres-sionist shadows, is that Max's



almighty

Chris Morris ever return to Radio 1? His last stint there in 1994 saw him suspended and threatened with law-suits; now Channel 4 has pulled his latest series. Yet nei-ther outfit retreated because of Morris's real flaw --- savaging the powerless as mercilessly as the powerful. An contraire, it's because he gets them into trou-ble with those in power: no animal was ever baited more advoitig than when Mortis snared Conservative Central Office on Radio 1, and the painstaking way he extracted media daring Peter Stringfellow's sadistic misog-yny was a classic. For his radical entrapment of hypocrites, the fellow should be knighted; in reality, for the past 23 months he seemed more likely to be invited to dine cher Heselting than return to Radio 1. Yet he's recently been discussing a poss le future show with the network. Matthew Bannister now has a chance to show a boldne that no other radio station will. In comparison with Morris the other radio Chrisses are pal lid. Despite *Chris Ebans's* formidable zest, his Radio 1 show is increasingly self-referential: it plays with the conventions of breakfast programmes, but has in carlast programmes, our nas zilch connection with the real world, and nothing to say about it. Evans is currently niggling away at the BBC for docking his company's daily fee by £1,400 since the show's start wasbrought forward half-an-hour, Buoyed up by his raucous "zoo" team, on radio he's a prankish, pesky adolescent trying to see how far he can push it. His TV show TFI Friday currently has

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born (all right, on a particular date). Capital Radio, the oldest and richest British commercial radio station, has bought itself an audience. Tarrant, one of the best-paid,

most sought-after DJs in the country, draws a weekly audience of over 1.8 million, the biggest of any breakfast show in London. But Capital's snpremacy seems to be flag-ging. Last Monday it opened a radio café in Leicester Square, the first of a string — some say because other stations like Heart FM are nibbling at the ondon breakfast radio market. Next Friday the late Vival will metamorphose into a new tabloid station, Mohammed al-Fayed's 963 Liberty, no longer with women listeners chiefly in mind (whatever happened to its promise of peformance: will the Radio Authority police it?), trying to tilt at Capital with such desirables as Simon Bates and Anthea Turner. In truth, today's breakfast shows differ-entiate themselves (if at all) by their playlists. Otherwise they're all scavenging the news papers for similar "strange but

true" stories. Fergal Keane's new four-part series on national identity No Man Is An Island (Radio 4) began with an original, per-sonal piece about the deadening influence of Irish nationalism on his school days. But next Monday's programme on Rwanda is something else. At once evocative and analytical, it traces the origins of the genocide and current refugee crisis back to the region's colo-nial past. With clarity and poignancy, Keane dispels racist notions of "tribal war" and returns us to the politics. Beautifully written and mrgently spoken, this is a stun-ning talk which at last helps one understand: you won't hear better this year.

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SERGEI Bodrov's Poleoner Of Time Noumbain WOD the International the Inte

Jury prize at Cannes this year. The film, showing at the festival today, was made with difficulty in Kazakhstan and is about the Chechen conflict. It bases itself on Tolstoy's reflections on war and peace with humour as well as tragedy An old Chechen man captures two Russian soldiers and takes them to his mountain vil-lage. He will either kill them or trade them for his son, held by the Russian army "It is easier to kill a man than to love him," says Bodrov, "But we have to try." His film exam-ines how, with wonderful perfor-mances from both the old man and the soldiers. Long may this uncom-promising Siberian-born film-maker move us with his dramatic

akill and humanity The Wachowski brothers, Larry and Andy, wrote the tumbledown action thriller Assassins. After that you'd never expect Bound their first film as writer-directors which was screened last weekend. This lesbian film noir is cooked good and crisp and reminds one of Blood Simple, the first film by the Coen brothers. Bound stars Gina Gershon as the butch Cocky, just out of jail, who's got a job redecorating an apartment when she's visited by Jennifer's Tilly's Violet, the moll of a Mafia hood who is babysitting \$2 million.

The two women are attracted both to each other and the money The film doesn't actually mean anything, but it's stylish, tightly directed, written with tongue-in formed, especially by Gershon and Tilly, who make a very sexy couple. Nancy Meckler, whose award winning first feature Sister My

Sister was barely seen in Britain, may have an easier time with Indian Summer, the story of a andian Summer, the story of a gay dancer living with Aids. It is playwright Martin Sherman's first original acreenplay and has more than a bint of the theatrical about it. But the athline perforabout it. But the striking performance from Jason Flemyng car ries you forward. The plot, which has his friend and mentor dying of Aids and then an affair devel oping with Antony Sher's older man, is like that of an unortho dox soap. But Meckler creates a wonderful sense of a small company nearing the end of its tether and her actors reciproca with an elan that makes sense of the message: where there's life there is . hope. SK HALCOLD





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Marriage break-up keeps Cork at home

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are with him and that we

hope he gets things sorted out He will join us when he is

in the right frame of mind,

We need Dominic for several

more years yet. He is our pre-

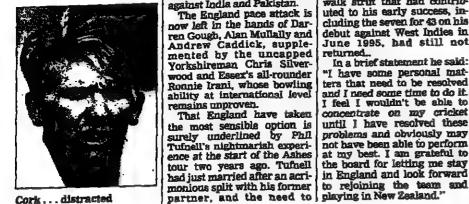
The stresses on Cork after

leaving his wife Jane last summer were increased by a

mier bowler.

David Hopps

OMINIC CORK has pulled out of England's tour of Zimbabwe because of per-sonal difficulties arising from the collapse of his marriage. The 25-year-old last bowler, and that could be before we get to New Zealand. Our main priority is to think long-term. who is understood to be particularly distressed about the future of his two-year-old son Gregory, hopes to jointhe squad in January for the New Zealand leg of their six-week winter tour. England will not select a



Cork ... distracted

Australia v West Indies: first Test, first day

Tenacious Taylor sets the tone at The Gabba

ball in the proce

hand they

Warne, who has taken 30

apiece in his three Brisbane

Cests, means that Taylor

Mike Selvey in Briebane

NTIL Steve Waugh and Ian Healy began to dominate the final ses-sion as the bowling tired it had been will-power rather than batting power that nar-rowly gave Australia the opening honours have at The Gabba yesterday.

After several days' sweating under covers as thunderstorms hit the Queensland coast the first-day pitch had some juice and until well into the afternoon the bat was passed regularly and con-temptuously by the West In-dian fast bowlers.

Matthew Elliott, Mark Taylor's new opening part-ner, never looked like scoring on his debut and, had luck cricket than this pair. subsequently given more

pull, driving merrily when given the chance and grinning at his good fortune.

ning at his good fortune. Well he might. Walsh best him three times in a row and could only spread his arms at the injustice of it all, while Ambrose gave him the cold and menacing stare. Ponting cared not a jot, reaching 76 before Taylor dragged an at-tempted pull from Walah on to his off-stump and surviving a sharp chance off Bertiamin as West Indies persisted in at-tacking his body, a method of attacking Waugh that went out with the slege catapult — and Healy, who had survived the hat-trick ball and gone on a sharp chance off Benjamin to Robert Samuels in the

gully when 81. His dismissel brought the to 47, had added 86, surviving 10 overs of the second new Waugh brothers together, and with it memories of their fra-The ostensibly junior part-ner Healy had displayed no ternal stand of 231 at Sabina little panache in hitting seven fours. All told, there are no Park where Steve made 200 and Mark 128. Now, despite having his brains rattled tougher competitors in world early on by Benjamin, it was Mark who was the more flu-Australia will not grumble

playing ar

side off-stump as his brother

dug in. Their partnership had

reached 30 when Mark

swung down the leg side at a loose ball from Walsh and

Eddie Buttier hails Adedayo Adebayo who cepted the invitation to go? I land he continued to recondi-tion mind and body, placing have to say, No, I shouldn't. pursued his first cap almost to Antarctica. OR a few days. last week the new England left-wing re-entered a

RUGBY UNION

- nightmare. He thought he was over it, that the crisis had passed, but along came a condensed version of the bad times, a mocking dart in the bubble of firstcap pride. Of course, we

so easy for so long .

No. 14 in a rugby team (plus

one sub) of brothers and sis

tain Jack Rowell, phoned his beadmaster, Chris Hirst. "He wanted to find out if I was the right sort of person for his side," said the object of the now England coach's interest

Adebayo was speaking on the Thursday before the European Cup quarter-final

"In the opening game against Free State, I could have scored a hat-trick but, instead, I gave away a try. Things got better towards the end of the tour but it came as no surprise, after we came home, when Jack Rowell phoned me and said, 'Addie, you're out of the squad and you won't get back in until you've got the manual side of

WOLFER OUT

rugby anyway, when you are

rich enough not to have to

sonal trainer, Dave Crottle at the Cannon Street gym in the City. He rediscovered trackwork with John Sullivan at north London's Paddington Recreation Ground

Bath picked up the tab and Rowell picked the new beast on the wing for England. On division that Thursday night last week, after Bath had com-pleted their preparations for

to take risky individual op-

It will be instructive to se whether the locks, Johnson and Shaw, are prevented, legally or otherwise, from win-

Walsh threatened to repeat busily, always looking for the his 1989 hat trick on this same pull, driving merrily when ground by removing Mark Waugh and Michael Bevan with successive deliveries. But by stumps Australia had got to 282 for five and shaded the first day. By then Steve Waugh — making 45 not out by milking the on-side

Ronnie Irani, whose bowling ability at international level

David Lloyd, England's address his tangled personal coach, said: "We want Domi- life in a series of long dis-

In a brief statement he said: "I have some personal mat-ters that need to be resolved and I need some time to do it. I feel I wouldn't be able to

Mented by the uncapped Yorkshireman Chris Silver-wood and Esser's all-rounder

The England pace attack is now left in the hands of Dar-ren Gough, Alan Mullally and Andrew Caddick, supplecluding the seven for 43 on his debut against West Indies in June 1995, had still not

and mentally exhausted and the knee discomfort that had worsening knee injury, and it was testimony to his commit-ment that he still managed to take 22 wickets in six Tests against India and Pakistan. contributed to the loss of his outswinger was much reduced. But the cock-of-the-walk strut that had contrib-uted to his early success, in-

tance phone calls over-

whelmed him. Within a fort-

night he was under

psychiatric observation in a Perth hospital and had to

plead to remain on the tour. Cork had made all the right noises at England's training

camp in Portugal earlier this month, yet with a slightly dis-tracted air. His game was ap-

proaching full power sgain, he was no longer physically

That England have taken the most sensible option is surely underlined by Phil Tufnell's nightmarish experi-

is unproven.

Tufnell's nightmarish experi-ence at the start of the Ashes

concentrate on my cricket until I have resolved these

problems and obviously may not have been able to perform

at my best. I am grateful to the board for letting me stay tour two years ago. Tufnell had just married after an acriin England and look forward

on Italy Robert Armstrong HE England squad may be no closer to signing Contracts with the Rugby Football Union than they were two months ago but the commitment they showed in yesterday's final training session at Rochampton sug-gested that they have another kind out on Italy.

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International

England v Italy

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kind out on Italy. Today's international at Twickenham against a respected side wanting to join the Five Nations Champion-ship presents a perfect oppor-tunity for an innovative Eng-land to show that new-age rugby is here to stay. Philip de Glanville, the new

captain, has advanced all sorts of reasons why the Italian defence will be difficult to nan derence will be difficult to break down but the blunt truth is that England, with five new caps, will be ex-pected to perform with wit and style and finish at least 40

points to the good. Twickenham will be only two-thirds full but a crowd of 50,000, having paid up to £27 each for a seaf. Is certain to demand at least four or five tries from a mostly untried England side that has pre-cious little experience of playing with the ball in hand,

England certainly seem to have a versatile, well-bal-anced side well capable of deanced aide well capable of de-stroying the opposition with a flerible running game. The Waspa trio of Dallaglio, Sheasby and Gomarsall, at open side, No.8 and scrum-half respectively, have the op-portunity to shape the charac-ter of the game. Inevitably much will de-pend on Catt's ability to fash-ion a meaningful role for the players about him, not least the centres Carling and De

the centres Carling and De Gianville, who are adept at punching holes in any mid-field. Catt has the great virtue of playing very flat, so that his markers are tempted to stray offside, but his tendency

tions can unbalance the chemistry of the whole back

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Indies - or had their bowlers The presence of Shane perhaps created more of their own good fortune by pitching wickets at an average of 10 the ball a fraction further up — then Australia might conceivably have been bowling would always reckon the before tea

Instead Ricky Ponting and the Australia captain some-how added 126 for the second wicket, clinging on while the pitch and the team regained some composure. Ponting, out of sorts recently and with a point to prove in only his fifth Test, made 88, hooking Kenny Benjamin for six high over Ambrose's head at long-leg as well as hitting 10 fours, not all of them by design

He finally mistimed a pull to mid-on and stalked from the arona a disappointed man at having missed out once

more on a maiden century. Taylor too was desperately short of touch outside offstump early on as Curtly Am-brose and Courtney Walsh found a probing line but, in a model innings of tenacity and soud sense, batted his socks off for three hours in squeez-

ing out 43, Australia had been reprieved but faltered with the dismissal of this pair and then later as the magnificent

Andy Wilson in Medicustry

CRAIG WHITE's dismissal one short of his first cen-

tury for an England side was

a major disappointment for

him. It was even worse for the

handful of spectators as,

once the tourists lost the cap-tain Adam Hollicake soon

after, they ground on and on

White resumed on 93 and moved to 99 quickly, albeit

streakily, in the first two

overs of the day. After an in-

side edge for two off David

Saker, his first false shot,

White exchanged angry words with the seamer, who

he felt had obstructed his run.

He then drove the next ball he faced, from Damien Flem-

ing, and edged a straight-forward catch to slip. White denied his concentration had

been upset by the contre-temps. Hollioake, 45 over-

night, completed his second

half-century in consecutive matches with his fifth bound-

past lea for a total of 438.

Ealham dawdles into form

for six.

but White misses target

Tour match: Victoria v England A

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maide to leave England on 265

To add 173 runs for the last four wickets was commend-

able, even on a pitch offering

little assistance to a below-strength Victorian attack. But

it was painful to watch. Mark Ealham has had a

poor tour so far but battled back to form with 78 from 202

balls. He hit eight fours and

was beginning to find his tim-

ing when he was run out in a

mix-up with Glen Chapple. But Chapple and Warren

before making it to double fig-

Headley did their best to hurry things up before Head-ley and Chapple shared 2 last-wicket stand of 48.

England A were helped con-

siderably by Brad Stacey, the replacement leg-spinner for

Shane Warne, who went for 122 in 24 wicketless overs. Warren Ayres and Brad

ary, a pull off Saker, but a few vorrs later was snapped up at second slip off Tony Dode- without loss at the close.

Kasprowicz. BewBage Ambrase 21-2-63-1; Waish SewBage Ambrase 21-2-63-1; Waish 22-5-64-1; Hopper 10-2-35-0. WEST WoodBart Semuels, S Campbell, B Lara, S Charderpeul, C Hopper, J Adams, C Browne, K Benjamin, "C Waish, C Am-brose, I Bishop. them

succeeded only in gloving a catch which Courtney prospect of Warne's spin on a wearing pitch worth the early ters. To remember all their names stretches him - or at least the last bit of their names stretches him, for they all start with an Ade (except Browne caught athletically. After Ambrose had intro-The next ball might well have placed the Test career of duced Elliott to the realities Olasola) as in: Adeleke, Ade-tunji, Adesoyi, Adeniyi, Ade-tikke, Adejoke, Adebola. of Test cricket before putting Bevan on hold. Sterling him out of his misery, Pont-ing and Taylor provided the bedrock of the innings. Enplayer he might be for York-shire but West Indies detect a weakness against pace and were not displeased by his Adenike, Adeinky, Adeyems Adefike, Adedetola and ... couraged by his captain to go for his shots, Ponting played your brother apologises for the final missing two selection. Walsh's greeting was pre-planned and perfectly exe-cuted. The ball was short of a TATLES. Scoreboard It is a large Nigerian fam-ily, a large, wealthy family. All the children were edulength, clambering towards the left-hander's chest and cated privately either here or in the United States. Father squaring him up before catch-ing the edge and providing Samuels with the simplest of used to work for the Ministry. chances at third slip. Walsh made a bee-line to He was Western State Gover-nor and is now in retirement high-five Ambrose at fine leg, and it was clear they had and in business, chairing, for cooked up the dismissal be-

> NDIA and Pakistan are in trouble against the visit-ing South Africa and New

> Zealand. India ended the third day of the first Test in

Ahmedabad on 172 for

seven in their second in-nings, leading South Africa

by 151 runs with three wickets in hand, and in La-

hore the New Zealanders edged 52 ahead of Pakistan.

They ended the second day

on 88 for three in their

second innings. South Africa left the field

for 10 minutes when stones

were thrown at Allan Don-ald and Paul Adams. Don-

It has been Donald's

match, with four for 37 in

India's first innings, three

for 32 in the second and 17

runs in a ninth-wicket part-

nership of 60 with Fanle de Villiers, undefeated on 67.

New Zealand, meanwhile,

conceded a first-innings

lead of 36 as Pakistan

totalled 191. Simon Doull,

But Chapple and warrant Hegg dug in: Hegg scored 17 ald had dismissed the open in 25 overs after taking 40 ers Sanjay Manjrekar and in 25 overs after taking 40 ers Sanjay Manjrekar and in 25 overs after taking 40 ers Sanjay Manjrekar and in 28 for three.

example, the Nigerian opera-tions of MFKent, a Dublin engineering firm. tween them. Together this pair have taken almost 500 Test wichets. Adedayo was sent to Kelly College in Devon. He excelled But Ambrose is 33 now, with Walsh a year older, and there cannot be much left. Where will West Indies go without at sport and from Under-16 upwards he played rugby for England at all levels. It was while he was at school that the then coach of Bath, a cer-

Donald defies Ireland v Australia stone-throwers

lan Malin

the line.

It is tempting to think that Ireland will need 15 forwards

for all 80 minutes against the Wallables in this afternoon's

Test at Lansdowne Road if

they are to halt Australia's

run of six wins on their tour.

Ireland have not beaten Australia in any of their last

n it ci st Cardiff. The 2 old's voice was base-deep, well-spoken, serious. This was a night when Adedayo what with him having had it But to start at the begin-Adebayo was one big, bright, handsome slab of rugby flesh. ning. Adedayo Adebayo is

worry about working and you He had become Bath's have been give the boot? handsome slab after a couple Answer: he packed his bags of scouts, Messrs Chilcott and and left. Guscott, were dispatched by But not for the easy life.

Rejected, he went on a mission to the hardest academy of all

comething to prove . . . Adebayo is winging back after an early bang gave him a nightnare game in Cardiff 10M 19904

New England, give this

new man the ball today

Rowell to verify that head-master's report. By the time he was 19 Adebayo was play-ing for the England A team. State of the southern tip, gill, right on the southern tip, He also went to Swanssa Uninext stop Antarctica.

True, he had company in the considerable shape of Daversity to study Economics and Social Studies, and there wales. Wales. Market Mowley, now scrum-half of Cardiff and Wales. Market rogby academy of hardest rogby academy of for Southland was a Ranfurly Shield challenge at Lancaster Park, Christchurch against land squad that won the World Cup Sevens in Scot-land. He was big, he was strong, he was quick. He was the holders Canterbury. "They're not necessarily

selected to go on the 1994 England tour to South Africa. And that is when the abovebetter players but they are so single-minded about their mentioned crisis came. "I just wasn't right. I wasn't game that it's the ultimate ex-perience," Adebayo said. ready. When I look back and

New England, give this new When he returned to Engman the ball.

England.

So, what do you do when you have done most things in Cardiff, Adedayo Adebayo was ready for the big time. essential constituent in Engand's desire for continuity. And then Cardiff beat Bath. Developing the kind of

The home wing Simon Hill, incited by a fanatical fullrhythm and pattern that would bring the strike runners Sleightholms, Adebayo and Stimpson into dynamic action will be difficult enough house and the imprecations of the Arms Park mullah Mike Hall, crashed into his oppo-site number a fraction of the should the Italians spoil and ball and sent him into the hoerdings. Adebayo and Bath proceeded to have a torrid Saturday afternoon. disrupt England's ball. "Italy are coming here to prove they should be part of the interna-tional championship and they are goin; to try to make it Afterwards he could barely

raise his head and seemed grateful to keep his eyes on the books of the few auto-graph hunters outside the difficult for us," De Glanville warned. The England captain highly rates the Italian half-backs changing-room of the hum-bled champions of Kngland. Last Monday he presented himself before Rowell at Bi-Troncon and Dominguez, who etween them have more than 50 caps. Dominguez has kicked almost 400 points for his country. The powerful front row of Cuttitta, Orlandi sham Abbey for training and limped away in civvies while more buoyant others rehearsed the moves of New

and Properzi have played as a unit for the past four years and the back-row forwards, But, just when it seemed Sgorlon, Arancio and Giovanthat old demons had resurelli, are Test regulars.

Perhaps the greatest hurdle England must overcome is their ingrained reliance on a faced, on Tuesday he cast them aside. Cardiff were out of mind, except as an experi-ence to be avenged. The bump was nothing. Head up, Ade-dayo Adebayo is mentally dominant pack and a consis-tent goalkicker to get them out of trouble and keep the

scoreboard ticking. Only eight months ago Eng-land still relied on Dean Richards to maul the opposition into oblivion: today promises a clean break with the limited

a clean break with the limited tactics that won last season's championship. McLaszn T Schapter (Nowcastle); J Estigetholuse (Bath), P de Schwarze (Bath. cay), W Carling (Herisquing), A Adabaye (Bath): M Cast (Bath), A Gemannali (Wasps); G Rowarze (Lafoaster), M Schwarze (Bath), J Gemannali (Wasps); G Rowarze (Hariquing), M Johnson (Lecoster), S Shaw (Bristo), L Deligito (Wasps), T Redber (Northampion), C Sheasiby (Wesps), Rephonements R Sheasiby (Coverty, P Generating R Sheasiby Australia should continue their winning run today but, like Connacht, Wood's Ire-(Wasps). Replecements: R Nard (Coventry), P Greening (Gioucaste Corry (Bristol), K Brackee (Sarace Generatic (Bath). A King (Wasps).

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are as ommous as the Dublin lock Shane Leahy crash over weather, there are reasons to look on the inrighter side. Keith Wood, in mighty form for Harlequine, returns as booker for the first time since last year's World Cup. The front row is also bolstered by

seven encounters. The Irish are still licking their wounds after a 40-25 deftat by the Western Samoans the evening before the Wallables beat Council of the Carryowen pair, Steve Mclyor at scrum-half tering. The Garryowen pair, Steve Mclvor at scrum-haif and Dominic Crotty on the left-wing, make debuts. land will be no pushovers. Wood insists his team can

win but says: "In a way it would be a bigger shock if we beat Australia than Western Samoa beating us. The socalled Third World rugby nations are catching up."

Australia's resources are an great that Jason Little, one of the world's top centres, is on Nick Popplewell's return at the right wing and David Wood is captain in place of try-scorer, is on the beach.

North in disarray as Sale Eight say no to New Zealanders THE North's plans to tackle the New Zealanders, Jo-nah Lomn and all, have been game against the New Zea- | the midweek gam land Barbarians at Hudders- Queensland at

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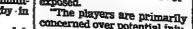
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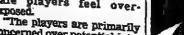
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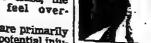
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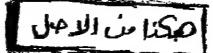
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IRM ground at Ascot decimated yesterday's fields and has again caused a disappoint-ing turnout today, aithough ten stand their ground in the day's main event, the First National Bank Gold Cup. On a point of handicapping Strong Promise (2.30) looks a good thing. Second to Chal-lengar du Luc shen way out

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or the weights ar <u>Chemennam</u> last week, he is now running off a 201b lower mark. That should make the result a formality, but Ascot takes' some jumping while seven days is not much time for him to have marked COULTS All bar Glemot of the

seven days is nor much time for him to have recovered from a pretty gruelling race. Geoff Hubbard, the owner-1 trainer, knows Strong Promise will never get an-other chance like this, how-

trainer, knows Strong Promise will never get an-other chance like this, how-ever, and his anxiety to cash in is understandable. This is a young horse of enormous potential and one hopes Hubbard's gamble in running him does not misfire. He must be the selection, but not with Mary Reveley, for whom hour servations The Alagorian Strong enormous potential and one hopes Hubbard's gamble in running him does not misfire.

not without reservations. Go Ballistic (1.20) declines to take on Strong Promise and goes instead for the Gardner Merchant Handicap Chase. He handles fast has won twice



remaining runners are out of Spring time Young Hustler shows the style that won him last year's Bechers Home Chase

Tromphe winner, is 3-11 with Coral to land the Japan Cup (run early tomorrow morn-ing). Blie Lellouche, his trainer, believes he could be in better shape than before the Arc, although previous Arc winners Tony Bin, Car-roll House and Urban Sea have all run hadly in Tokyo. have all run badly in Tokyo. Pentire, Singspiel, Strategic Choice and the Melbourne

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Olympian.				3.45 FURNISH BID MARICA MINIC	3- 13,910	10 CODD- MODISA SOURID (219) L Lungo 5-10-0
Results	Auntie Alice (7-5), 8 ran. 13, 6, (L Lungo) Tote: 1240; (1.50, 1240; Dual P; 1240; CSP;	8. (D Gendatio) Tote: \$1,20; \$1,40, \$1,40, \$1,21, Qual P; \$2,70, Tris: \$17,60, \$6\$F; \$244.	(12-1); 4, Elector of Pacelon (15-1). 5-1 fav Antonias Melody. 17 rest. 1, sti hd. (5 Bowr-	1 Didde-6 DOBLINOS RING (17) Mrs H Wal Controls, TOO STATE (2005) Mrs H Wal	In 7-11-10	Betting: 7-2 Gens, Lad, 4-1 Grifica Ber, 5-1 Exprass Travel, 5-1 Ocsig: Leader, 7-1 Ovens Quest, 5-1 Final Beat. 10 research.
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1.10 (2m 110yds Hole) 1, TRIMIN- DISTO, A Dobbin (4-1); 2, Three Wild Days (3-1) (-1wy); 3, Peterose Led (3-1) Days (3-1) (-1wy); 3, Peterose Led (3-1)	UUS P. 25.20 USP: 124-6.	Gunde Lease Acting .	At all T A day Business Descents 19 445	TOP FORM THE Share Delight 8, Mathingtonian		4 442 FAITEFUL BAND (14) 1/3 5 Smith 0-10-12
Dage (3-1 (i-fav); 3, Peerose Late (- Hav) 10 rat. 6, 1% (Capt J Wilson) Tote: (3.00; (1.40, C1.40, C1.80, Dual F: (5.60, Trio: 10, 00; (1.40, C1.40, C1.80, Dual F: (5.60, Trio:	2.50 (2m 110yds Hdle): 1, CHAI-YO, G Upton (13-8 tav): 2, Kley Atheister (8-1):	Strock, Lingurelant. 3.10 (2m Cals 1, STORM ALLETT, A Ma- guire (8-5 far); 2, Calibou Bay (1)-8; 3, Develop Paridy (5-1), 4 (10, 31, 32, 4 (1)) Nicholag Paridy (5-1), 4 (10, 7), 2018 (2), 2019	NR, 15. (J. Berry) Total (M.20; E1.10, E4.50, C1.60, Dual P. (24.50, Tric: 551.50, CEF: C1.64, NR: Mr Busby.	Agent invalue.	Brandt	P AND A RECORDER (1963) May D Phy 5-17-17 R Marine
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1.45 (Jun 41 Malic): 1, SUPERTOR, Jar- ling (5-2 tav); 2, Kilkally Boy (11-4); 3,		7.40 (fbm 110 min Million 1, IDGICUTTAR)	3-1 jt-tev Catria. 15 ran. 15, nk. (M Prescott) Tote: Fa.St. F1.80. F4.30. 55.20. Dual F1	Racing cleared o	f 'abuse' charges	9 850- MARKET MATHEN (220) J Spenning 6-10-12
	3.20 (343 11 Call 1, account, 1.2.1 State (2-5 tav): 2, Kannove-Spect (2-2): 3, Stotematique (2-2) 3 tan. 2, 32, (D Nichol- son) Tota: \$1.10, Dual F: \$1.80, CSF; (2.33,	Girl (9-2); 3, Shooth (7-1), 8 ran. 3, hd. (Mrs. M Roveiny) Tota: £3.60; £3.70, £1.70, £1.70.	Tote: 54.50; \$1.80; 54.30; 54.20; Dual F: 007.80; Tric: \$198.70; CBF: 541.55; Trices: 1365.83;	-		11 6-0 REFLEX HAMMER (220) John R Upson (-10-12 Defense 12 65-31 RELYCER MADX (235) Arts M Reveloy 4-10-12 P Memory 13 0.0470 C2311 F Juscies (5-10-7) P Memory
RACELINE	3.60 (2m 110yda): 1, GOOD Vitem, L.	Tricest £77.12, NFC Cedouadid, Kingsfold	9.30 (70) 1. LEWI CROPTER, D Holland	been cleared of charges of	However, the ILPH found that the few isolated and well	14. D- PAREY (222) 5 Bell 4-10-7 K Johnson
RACELINE	Eastering Tobe CLUE C.SD. CLSD. SLOL	Pet, Romancer. JACKPOT: 23,679.60, 54,226 camied over PLACEPOT: 2268.32. QUADPOT: 222.40.	(8-1); 2, The Barnetey Sulls (3-1 1974); 2, 10ght Hermony (14-1); 4, Logal Inner (13-2) 16 ran 2, 1. (P Cundell) Tole: 01.10;	widespread abuse and ill	documented cases showed a	Butting: 3-1 Cast D/ Thousands, 7-2 B The Dine, 4-1 Feithful Hand, 5-1 Edvor Mitro, 8-1 Gazanali, 10-1 Forrers. 14 respects.
0930 168+ COMMENTABLY	Dust P. 23.40. Tris: 252.00. CSF: 210.67. PLACEPOT: 214.50. QUADPOT: 29.70.	PLACEPOT. (208.32. QUADPO') (22.40.	£1.10, £1.70, £4.29, £1.70, Dual F: C12.50. Tric: \$41.50, CSF \$25.18, Tricant \$238.41.	treatment of former racehorses.	problem does exist. They called for an effective identifi-	Astrac, ridden by Seb Sanders and trained by Gay
VYJU IVOT		SOUTHWELL	3.00 (71): 1, COMPACT DESC, D Holland (8-1): 2, Head Cat (7-4 fas): 3, Cool Gray (16-1): 15 ran. 15, nic. (M Johnston) Tota	A report presented by the	cation system for all horses	Kelleway, completed a hat-trick in the six-furlong Prix
ASCOT 101 20 1	ASCOT 1.00 (2m 42 Hole): 1, HOYAL RAVER, L	12.00 (1m): 1, CHADLENGH LANE, F Lynch (7-4 tav): 2, Elton Lodger (7-2); 3,	(5-1); 2, 2000 (201) (7-1 (20); 2, 430) (20); (16-1), 15 /an. 15, nk. (M Johnston) Tota: (16-80; 24-50, 21,70, 25-30, Dual F: 218-40,	International League for the	and advised that Weatherbys	Contessina at Evry yesterday, beating Linoise and Rose
AINTREE 102 202	T.00 (200 47 1700); 2, Regal Person (6-61av); 3, Addiev (9-1); 8 ran. 4, sh hd. (J Gillord) Tota: (3.50; 21.50; 1.40, Dual P: D2.70, GSP;	Lynch (7-4 tav): 2, Elica Lodger (7-2); 3, Ruby Angel (12-1). 13 ran. Hc. 8. (R Hollinshead) Tote: (2.50; 51.40, 51.00, 51.50.	Trio: 288.40. CSF: 225.67.	Protection of Horses to the British Horseracing Board	for planned trials of a micro-	Bourbon a length and half a length. Bryn Palling's Carranita (Tim Sprake) was fourth. Mark Johnston's Branston Abby
MKT RASEN 103 203		Dual F: \$3.90. Trio: \$20.60. CEP: \$3.30. NPE North Andec.	3.30 (1m 67): 1, COMPASS POBITER, Martin Duyer (3-4 fav); 2, Our Main Hun	and the Jockey Club con-	chip implant for horses.	(Michael Roberts) seventh and Rae Guest's My Cadeaux
	1.95 (See 110yds Ch): 1, HONY-SKIP,	19.30 (7f)s t, SHOKTAME, D Hollard (9-2): 2, Surf City (19-1); 3, Res Gum	Marcin Duyer (9-4 far); 2, Cur Hink Hun (10-1); 3, Hr Speculator (13-1), 13 rap, 3, 7, (JEustroe) Tolar (33-90; 51.40, 52.50, 54.40,	cludes there was no substance in allegations of large scale	Another recommendation is that inherently unsound	(Dane O'Neill) in the rear.
TOWCESTER 104 24	Renard Guess (11-6) - article at 11-6 (-12) at 11-6 (-12) at 11-2); 3, Minor Kay (14-1), 17-6 (-12) at 12-12 at	(10-1); 4, Truty Bay (20-1), 4-1 fav Napo- leon's Rotura, 16 ran, Nk, S. (M Johnston)	Dual F: 218.40, Trice (221.18, CSP: 227.18, Tricant: 2228.92	mistreatment which came to	horses, or those unlikely to	Blinkered for the first time: CATTERICK: 2.10 Ernest Aragorn; 3.10 Newhall Prince; 2.40 Craigmore Magic.
CATTERICK 105 205	her (11-2): 3, minor kay (11-1), 11-5 (11-3) Random Harved, 4 ran, 7, dist, (111-3) Smith) Tr 22.00. DP: 53.60, C3P: 17.41. NPr Badyon Boy, Buckhouse Boy, Little Meridia, Badyon Boy, Buckhouse Boy, Little Meridia,	Tota: \$4,00; \$1.70, \$3.20, \$1.90, \$7.70, Doal F: \$26.10, Trice \$44,78, CSF: \$56.30, Tricest:	PLACEPOTI (24.20 QUADPOTI (21.20 @ Jacile Ophome replaces lojored Jintery	prominence in the television	lead a productive life, should be put down "to avoid poss-	Thorntown Estate. MARKET RASEN: 12.40 Chilly Lad.
	Saber, R Durwoody (100-30); Z. Fight	2490.58, 1.00 (R(), 1, PORTIDIO, H Bartings (7-1); 2, Palacegate Jusk (7-1); 3, Annalisate	Junie Oeborne replaces injered Jintely Prost on Hermaney Cognes Gold Cup hope Comme Mill Part Seturday.	Horses, Don't They?"	ible future suffering".	TOWCESTER: 3.10 Alone Home. AINTREE and ASCOT:
Algebras charge Stip/ale offer love MC, Londs CH RA	i Gunner (8-4 tav); 3, Decelo (20-1). 8 ran, 9,	. # 1.82948849 1942 (1-1); 3 ⁴ y.79689998 (None.

22 SPORTS NEWS

Soccer

World ban on Blinker stuns Wednesday

Russell Thomas

EGI BLINKER, Shef field Wednesday's Dutch forward, has Dutch lorward, lias been suspended worldwide by Fila with immesuspended diate effect over an allege double signing and is now ruled out of today's Premiership game Sunderland. against

The dreadlocked Dutchman and the Hillsborough club were stunned yesterday when his Feyenoord contract ex-

were stunned yesterday when the world game's governing body took stringent action after a complaint by the Ital-ian side Udinese. According to Fifa Blinker, who joined Wednesday in a 2250,000 move from Feyen-oord in March, apparently signed contracts for Wednes-day and Udinese at around pired in summer. ham Mackerell said: "The suspension is totally unfair on Sheffield Wednessigned contracts for weatnes. Ou Sherifeld weatnes-day and Udinese at around day...we are totally inno-the same time, in breach of regulations. In breach of Blinker has been asked to Regi and Udinese. There is no ΩD day and Udinese at around the same time, in breach of

forward an explanation by suggestion we have done any-next Friday. A Fifa spokes-man said: "The ban applies for fee for Regi in the proper until then at least and per-manner and international until then at least and perclearance was granted." haps beyond. We want to find out why he seemed to sign

Tottenham claim they have contracts with different beaten off several top English - and Continental - clubs in capturing the 20-year-old for-Wednesday were further ward Steffen Iversen from Roangered when the FA immedisenborg for £2.7 million, a reately called on Fifa to concord for a Norwegian player. sider lifting the ban until next Friday, only to see that The Sours chairman Alan Sugar flew back from Norway Udinese claim that two day after all but wrap yesternay after an but whap ping up the transfer and later the manager Gerry Francis said: "We've agreed a deal with the club and virtually months before his move to England Blinker signed a doc-ument pledging his intent to sign for the Italian club when completed a deal with the

player - we just have to dot Wednesday's secretary Gra-Francis insisted Iversen will join Spurs on Decem ber 5, even if Rosenborg over come the odds the night before when they meet Milan to decide who qualifies from the Champions League.

Scottish Coca-Cola Cup final: Rangers v Hearts

Rangers play monopoly

Sheffield

Patrick Glenn

F HORSES for courses were the only criteria for forecasting tomorrow's Coca-Cola Cup final, Rangers would be a racing certainty to beat Hearts at Celtic Park.

Only two cup finals have been played at Parkhead in recent years, the Scottish Cup and League Cup of 1993, and Rangers won both, beating Aberdeen and Hibs.

Likewise, whatever the venue, Rangers virtually own this first major trophy of the Scottish season. With 19 victories from 25 previous ap-pearances in the final, they are by a distance the most consistent competitors in a tournament which began im-mediately after the last war. Ally McCoist himself is

seeking a ninth winner's nedal although he is unlikely to carry off the prize for the top marksman in this sea-son's competition. Jorge Ca-dete of Celtic, Dean Windass

of Aberdeen and Jim Hamil-ton of Dundee lead that list on five goals, with the Rangers matches have been in the pair Peter van Vossen (four) and Jorg Albertz (three) Champions League, could complete a remarkable treble by making his third outing in seeming to have the best chance of overtaking them. a cup final.

Hearts are rated the 9-2 out-siders and have history against them. Their line-up has changed greatly since Van Vossen, however, is unlikely to start if, as ex-pected, Brian Laudrup throws their 5-1 hammering by Rangers in May's Scottish Cup final but the cruel fact is that they have not won a trophy since their 1962 victory in



David Lacey finds Arsenal's new manager approaching his first North London derby tomorrow with a Gallic shrug of confidence

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Tuffley test a samba striker

Soccer Diary

Martin Thorpe

HESE Brazilians, like Copacabana sand they get everywhere. While Bryan Robson grapples with how best to cope with Emerson's problems. Doug Foxwell, manager of Toffley Rovers, is deciding what to do with Neto.

what to do with Neto. A friend of Foxwell recommended that the Bra-zliian striker, a theology student in Gloncester. go along for a trial with the Hellenic League side. Fox-well thought it was a joke at first — a striker called well thought it was a joke at first — a striker called Neto? A Brazilian? And he wants to play for us? It must be a wind-up. But no. For when Foxwell tried out the 26-year-old in a midweek friendly, he

promptly scored a hat-trick and he will be on the bench

and he will be on the bench for today's League game. "He looks the part." says Foxwell. "good skill and quick feet, though you don't get much from the rest of his game." The Brazilian is typical in other ways too. When he scored the first goal of his hat-trick he treated the crowd to a celebratory run down the length of the pitch. The eight spectators were delighted. "Playing without scoring for me is not the game." says the man who plans to

says the man who plans to become a missionary. Foot-ball coold delay that, how-ever. "It is part of the dream to think you will get to a high level, but I don't know if I will go any fur-ther. For now I am having fun. I am playing and pray ing for Tuffley."

AS THE globe-trotting Terry Venables starts his own Aussie soap called Home and Away, he will be more than aware of the fight that lies ahead to guide the Socceroos to qual-ification for the 1998 World

Cup finals. Not. though, quite the fight faced by Australia when they won their only international tournament in 1967. It was held in Sai-gon, at the height of the Vietnam war. This curious event was an

eight-nation tournament mprising full interna-

off the thigh injury which kept him out of the midweek Champions League win over Grasshopper. Laudrup and the Swedish defender Joachim Bjorklund both face fitness tests today but Bjorklund appears the bigger doubt. If the Dane plays he would partner McCoist, scorer of both goals against the Swiss, in the front line with Paul Gascoigne restored to midfield. The Eng-



at the back, and pleased by

how well the players have responded to coaching methods which had been foreign to them in more than one sense.

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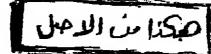
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As the RAC Rally gets under way today Mark Redding meets two determined competitors who leave no room for jokes about women drivers

Simmonite sisters target the top 20

T IS Kryptonite that renders Superman powerless. The substance that makes the toughest rally drivers go weak at the knees with fear is known as Simmonite. Today in the RAC Rally the Simmonite sisters will be

aiming to continue their me teoric rise in the sport. It is the third time they have entered the showcase event. In 1994 they were 51st, last year 39th.

"Realistically, hopefully, we're aiming for a top-20 fin-ish," said Stephanie, 27, the driver and older than Rachael by five years. Not a bad target, consider-

ing they began competitive rallying less than three years ago after Stephanie had been given lessons at a rally school as a Christmas present from her parents. Now the Sim-monites are the current British ladies' champions.

For the RAC they will be competing in their new lefthand drive Ford Escort RS 2000. The sisters have been practising in a road-going version bought specially for the purpose on the dreary, rain-swept moors above Halifax where they live in their family's converted farmhouse.

"Twe been driving a left-hand car to get used to the feel, otherwise I end up opening the door when I want to change gear," Stephanie

drive, with Stephanie doing the donkey work and Rachael helping to set the pace. "Now it's our third year in the RAC we know what's what, so we're going to push that bit harder and that means taking more risks," said Rachael. "But, if you want to be up there, that's what it's all about."

Stephanie: "But there's always a first time we're not gue ing to finish." Rachael: "And it's harder this year because the first stage is in Kielder." Does Kielder hold any terrors? Both: "Yeees." Stephanie: "Last year we ended up in a ditch there. We went wide on a right-hand bend and we didn't have any. brakes because our pads had been ripped off. There were no spectators for miles and house miles so we had to stay there until a car came and towed us out. It's nicknamed Killer more. Killer Kielder, watch Kielder for a good reason."

Any suspicions among the rally fraternity that Steph-anie, 5ft 4in, and the 5ft 2in Rachael are helpless women mable to fend for themselves here long here disputed the have long been dispelled. The pair admit, however, that being female helped them se-cure their sponsorship with Auto Windscreens

Auto Windscreens. "Our research shows that female motorists naturally panic if they need automotive glazing. We hope the girls will help highlight the service of-fered by the Auto Wind-screens guys," is how the company explains the tie-in, a hand-out that left the Halfax spice girls distinctly spice girls distinctly

Stephanie said: "These days I think we are getting a better reaction. When we first started the men used to say, 'Oh, they're just girls out for a bit of fun.' But we've proved them wrong and I think we're respected for our results and

the speed we've got up to. "The disadvantage is that you've got to prove yourself to everyone you meet, all the time, over and over again. Although it's not quite as bad

any more." Rachael: "As you get better you're not worried about that so much, are you?" Stephanie, doubtfully: "No. Once you've got the results they speak for themselves. But it does spur you on, beating the men." Rachael: "But then it works

explained. The two talk like they really trying because they don't want a woman to beat them." Stephanie: "They try like hell, so you've got to try even harder and so it goes on." Rachael: "There's many a time a mechanic has said to us, Ob. we've been taking the mickey out of so and so saying. hur, hur, hur, what are you doing letting a girl beat you? I think we've decided that we're

ine best motivational factor any rally driver can have. But some of them just can't come to terms with it at all."

The sisters got into rallying after co-driving for their mother Melanie and father David, who runs a Land Rover garage, in off-road events. They got the taste at the ages of nine and four by tearing around in an old Mini in the fields behind their Today the sisters will be doing it for themselves once

for the two-litre world and the RAC is one of the championship for two-



Kielder here we come . . . Stephanie, left, the driver, and Rachael Simmonite with the car they will drive in the RAC Rally 🔰 Photograph CHRIS THOMOND

Pride enough to drive Kankkunen and Co

David Williams

HE snow in Wales lay so deep yesterday that only a handful of fourwheel-drive cars could practise some of the forest stages. The RAC Rally, starting today in Chester, might have been tailormade for Juha Kankkunan and Toyota, yet it will be a pointless exercise for the Finn and his four-wheeldrive rivals. This event qualifies solely

wheel-drive cars. But by a quirk of the regulations, four-wheel-drive cars can using illegal engines, take part. They may steal Toyota will be grateful that the glory, if not the points. Kankkunen, four times world champion, knows his it is even welcome - and Kankkunen, strangely, has yet to win a rally in the curmain opponents will be his rent version of the Celica. German team-mate Armin Rather like a long-running West End show, the RAC seems to have become Schwarz and his fellow Finns Ari Vatanen and Jarmo Kytolehto. Colin more important than its McRae and the new world champion Tommi Makinen cast. The annual slog through the forests of are absent but Kankkune northern and western Britsays that does not devalue this event. "Rally is rally, ain against the vagarles of the climate has attracted 190 crews. The Formula One driver

On its first appearance | Martin Brundle, competing | every mile where you could since a 12-month ban for | in his first RAC Rally in a | go out of the rally." in his first RAC Rally in a four-wheel-drive Ford Escort Cosworth, knows clearly what he faces. "That's my ultimate night-mare," he said when told that four inches of snow also lay in Northumberland's Kielder Forest, venue for the first special

stage today. "Most of the course is much more difficult than I ever imagined. It's so slippery and, if you go wide, there are little rocks sticking out like icebergs. There are two or three places

go out of the rally.

Ice may well decide the two-litre championship. Seat have five cars, Renault four, but both are uneasily aware that Skoda's quartet could overturn a substantial power deficit in conditions where power is merely an embarrassment. The top home hopes are

the British champion Gwyndaf Evans's Ford and Alister McRae's Volkswagen. The outcome will be in the balance until the 1,128-mile event finishes on Monday afternoon.

Golf Cold comfort

for Muntz

David Davies in Sydney

F Captain Cook had sailed into Sydney Harbour on a day like this he would have turned back. The weather vesterday showed its nasty side, producing a day of unremitting rain and a finger-numbing chill for the second round of the Australian Open. No wonder the experienced Rodger Davis said he had not been so cold on a golf course since the 1986 Open Champion ship at Turnberry. As such, it was little surprise to find a Swedish ice hockey player in contention although, as Klas Eriksson came here to escape his country's winter, he could be forgiven for being preved at confronting something similar 12,600 miles away. It snowed in Canberra, just over 200 miles away. Neither Eriksson nor the

other main challenger Greg Norman finished the rain-plagued round, Norman being five under after 16 boles. Eriksson four under after 15, when darkness fell at The Australian club.

The leader in the clubhouse vas the Dutchman Rolf Muntz, at two under, while Tiger Woods returned a level par 72 to be seven over, yet almost certain to make the cut. Altogether 39 players still have rounds to complete.

Both the Swede and the Australian were level par for the day and were two of only five players to be under par on what is a demanding course at the best of times. Yesterday it verged on the impossible as players fought high winds, driving rain and an unseasonable temperature. "What the players need today," said Peter Thomson, five times an Open champion, "is two caddies, one for each nine, about 10 towels and a dozen dry gloves." Woods came to the last

needing a birdie to ensure he made the cut and, at a hole of 522 yards, he smashed his drive 343 of them.

He had a nine-iron to the green but, with the slackness of shot that has attended his efforts this week, he bunkered it. He was left with a simple recovery and plenty of green to work with but hit the ball seven feet past the pin and missed the birdle putt.

Woods is so obviously sincere when he says he is trying with every shot and he would in this case, also be looking to

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Sampras earns a high-risk tie

Stephon Bloriey in Hanover

T IS generally assumed that Boris Becker or Pete Sampras will win the ATP World Championship tomorrow, for they have both taken this spuriously named title twice in the last five years.

Yet, if anyone is to split the German-American axis, it just might be a man who in recent times has been playing with hair-raising effect.

Goran Ivanisevic, having grown his hair long again, prevents it falling into his eyes by gathering up a clump much more than a stupen-

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Given that the idiosyncration in the win with ease, he self in play, went for a constant is creatian has more bats in destructs. Stream of winners and lost being than most on the Between 1990 and 1993 miserably. Ivanisevic held a 5-3 lead over the emerging Sampras but in their last eight meettour, this style seems a perfect summation of all his ien-nis eccentricities. Sampras, who plays him in ings the 6ft 4in Croatian has today's semi-finals, knows well enough that every match against Ivanisevic is, as he de-tainly in terms of the way scribed it yesterday, a "roller-coaster. It's a kind of craps-Ivanisevic's mind works (or rather, in tactical terms, does not) occurred in the semi-finshoot. Absolutely anything can happen". Dicing with Ivanisevic is als of this year's US Open.

Sampras, having survived against Spain's Alex Corretja in a punishing five-set quar-ter-final, was clearly still suffering yet Ivanisevic, instead in a sort of plume which lifts dous server but time and of trying to wear the Ameri-vertically from his forehead. again, when he seems poised can down by keeping the ball the world No. 1 always had title.

Yesterday Sampras had to beat Russia's Yevgeny Kafel-nikov in his final round-robin match to reach the semi-fin-als and duly did 6-4, 6-4. After Thursday's marvellous match against Becker, which Sampras lost on two tiebreaks, he was determined to polish off the Russian quickly. Katelnikov has had an ex-

ceptional year, peaking with the French Open title after he beat a drained Sampras in the semi-finals. He had his chances yesterday and hit some wonderful winners but



Sampras . . . 'a craps shoot'

the edge on this slick carpet court

"Every time I play these top guys we have a close match, but on the crucial points I always seem to be the loser," said Kafelnikov. But he is only 22. The French Open will not be his last Grand Slam

trouble and a rattled Martinez

Brave Majoli beats breathing

Chris Bowers in New York the umpire Missy Malool, who then suspended play while she consulted a

Steppints before win-ning her quarter-final in The second warning was the Chase Championships against Lindsay Davenport but was upstaged by a Croatian with a "moving" rib. The unseeded Iva Majoli

pulled off a courageous 7-6, 7-8 victory over the No. 4 seed Conchita Martinez. The Croatian took the first set on an 8-6 thebreak, helped by a dodgy line-call at 6-6 that earned Martinez a warning for racket abuse.

justify his reported £150,000 appearance fee. But his efforts at the 18th were amaas an insulting gesture by teurish to say the least. Afterwards he refused to blame the weather. "Everyone," he said, unaware of the apiness, "was in the same boat."

upheld and Martinez Muntz, who in 1990 became docked a penalty point. the first Dutchman to win the Then at 2-2 in the second Amateur Championship alset Majoli seemed to choke physically, called for the trainer and needed a seventhough he was 63rd in the Volvo rankings this season, was one of the few to equal minute injury time-out. "My rib kind of moved," his opening round, shooting a second 71.

said Majoli afterwards. "I had a problem breathing. When the points were long first year on the European it was very difficult be-cause I had no energy." tour, survived relatively well, a 75 leaving him one over but Minutes later Martinez Minutes later Martinez received a second warning, for a visual obscenity. It seemed a scratch of the head had been interpreted assorbing shoot-out 13-11. Minutes later Martinez Graf won 6-4, 7-6. Daven-still in the top 10. Gary Evans and Paul McGinley, in the same group, reached the 13th at a respective one over and four over for the tournament.

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Parlier lost the fore-stay and roller headsail of his Greenock Morton v Stirling. Partick v Airdrie St Johnstone v Clydebank Tomorrow Tomsorrow NATIONAL, LEAGUE Prenier Division Cannock v Guildord (2.3), Hethertoni; Canterbury v Barlord Ta (1.5); E Grinettad v Housslow (2.0, Sein Hill); Heren tv Surbiton (2.15); Reading v Old Loughton-lans (2.0, Sonshing); Soutingati v Todding-tan (2.0, Broomfield), First Divisions Don-caster v Hull (2.0); Edghaston v Crostyx (2.50); Firebrands v C ol Portsmouth (1.5); Glos C v Brooklands (1.30); Harleston M v Bromisey (2.0); Oxford Unit v Oxford M (2.0); Sheffield v Lewes (2.0); Si Albans v Indian Gym (2.0); Stourport v Beeston (1.30); Warrington v Bournville (1.0). SCHOOLBIELS* Classification (Coventry Sch & Warvick Unity). lion a year by McLaren-60ft Aquitaine Innovations Mercedes, writes Alan Henry. Newey, effectively the Williams No.3, would thus double his salary but Wil-Second Divisi and repairs cost him more than a day's sailing. Ayr v Queen of South ... Clyde v Stranzer Dumbarton v Berwick ... Hamilton v Brechin Livingston v Stenhouse **Rugby League** Swinton Lions, promoted to the First Division, have liams will hold him to his contract, which is valid until August 1999. signed two Maori players, Marion Gardiner and Jason **Rugby Union** Walker, both of whom scored tries against Great Britain on Scotland, whose seven beat Tunisia 33-21 and humbled Yugoslavia 52-0, meet Wales their tour of New Zealand, writes Paul Fitzpatrick. Tomorrow SCOTTISH COCA-COLA CUP Ruggiby Lengthe AATIONAL CONFERENCE: LEAGUE Pressier Divisions Boverley v Oldham St Annes (2.30): Saddleworth v Lock Lane (2.30): Workston v Dudley Hill (2.30): First Divisions Biactbrook v Barrow Island (2.30): Eastmoor v East Leson (2.30): Molt-groen v Askam (2.30): Outhon v Wigan St Judes (2.30): Aution v Laigh East (2.30): Washey Cantral v Thombill (2.30). 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Tomaerrows Bris-ton v Covenby (4.0); Liverpool v Bury & Bolton (3.30); Societon v Westminster (4.0). Wromeen Pint Divisions jpwich v Bari-ing & Dag (7.50); Northampton v Crystal Palace (0.0); Notifigipam v London Heat (6.0); Sheffield v Thamas Valley (8.0); Spethorne v Fibonada (8.0). the Emirates Trophy. Pezer Ward writes from Dubai. All quarter-finalists qualify for the World Cup Sevens finals in Hong Kong in March. Else-where Fiji amassed a record 101 points against Zambia, and today's quarter-final be-tween South Africa and the United States might be an-other to be watched with averted eves. Basketball Tony Dorsey, last season's Budweiser Player of the Year, LCD v Sliga Rovers (3.15). Rugdby Uniton Armes (2.30): Saddleworth v Lock Lane (2.30): Voision v Dudyey Hil (2.30). First Division v Dudyer Hil (2.30). First Division v Dudyer Hil (2.30). Second 12.30). Voision v Dudyer Hill (2.30). Second 2.30). 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Tomorrow Squash BUDWEISER LEAGREE LONGON V Bir-Jansher Khan yesterday ex- | after only three games. ningham (7,15).* tended his record number of ice Hockey Badminton World Open titles to eight

woman. The Bullets are releasing Frankle Edwards Peter Knowles lost his Scottish Open title when he was beaten for the third time in five days by China's Ji Xing-peng, 15-11, 15-5, writes Richard Jago. Ji plays the Swede Henrik Bengisson in today's semi-finals while the topseeded European junior champion Peter Gade Chris-

tensen meets his Danish com patriot Anders Boesen.

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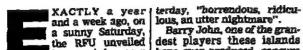


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RUGBY UNION

England's year of living disastrously

After 12 months of strife Twickenham's curtain rises again today. Frank Keating hears famous voices of hope and despair



the RFU unveiled its swish new amphitheatre Twickenham as well as its pristine England XV to play the world champl-ons South Africa in the his-toric first international

match of the professional era. There was an expectancy. It was a good, tough match. It was a good, rough match that flagged a happy occasion full of anticipation. Today, same place, the England XV embark on another season, this time against Italy. But those colourful battle standards hoisted with such cheerful optimism a year ago are now in shreds.

The bitterness of the 12 months has been distressing to the game's advocates, laughable to its enemies. In England no game can ever have torn itself apart with such venom. The animosities have made Kerry Packers

nave made kerry rackers spat with MCC a couple of de-cades ago seem as courieous as a Jane Austen waltz. English rugby's devotees are desperate for an armi-stice. Perhaps the very act of playing a match, of concen-trating away on the ball and trating eyes on the ball and minds on the game, will hasten the peace

cleverness - but the sheer intensity made it a spectacu-Certainly the war has lasted too long. Casualties are mounting. It has been, as the giand captain Bob of its competitive challenge, let the sunshine in. All said

to come to their senses." John and Huller both rue the wasted 12 months. "Pro-fessionalism should have been announced with trumpets - and then aborted for at least a year," says John. "The players were nearly all work-ing men. They needed time to chew over and weigh up the

pros and cons. "Every international in Britain should have been have ever produced, concurs with his British Lions colleague. "It has been so frethil as to be utterly tragic," he says. "It has been 12 months given a routine contract, say \$10 grand, and then a moratorium [should have been] deof sheer waste." Both, however, can glimpse a light at the end of the tun-nel. "The shame is," says creed to sort every aspect of the game out. Instead every-

thing was slung straight into the deep end. Disaster." nel. "The shame is," says Hiller, "that the chaos and in-Hiller agrees: "When they said 'the game is forthwith professional', it hit the RFU like a bomb. They should have been planning it gradu-ally for at least five years. fighting has been played out downstage and allowed little focus on the backdrop where the game itself has been excit-

ing and full of originality. "Like that European Cup tie last week between Bath "They have never been allowed to form an outline of allowed to form an outline of what things should be like one week hence, let alone one year — and they still haven't. What would the RFU have done if the clubs hadn't formed Epruc? Bugger all. "But suddenly they are ask-ing clubs content enough to break even to generate miland Cardiff. What a match. What an eye-opener. Nothing like that could have been contemplated a sesson or two ago. Yet its glory is lost in all the committee room hatreds." John, unprompted, used the same theme. "Last Saturday

break even to generate mil-lions. Sugar daddies were the only answer. It's nothing to showed us that, while your administrators continue to be, to mix the metaphors, a flock of headless chickens diving into the deep end, the top players are still able to drive the game do with rugby-loving old farts any more; it's a ruthless fight for survival — and it's tragic that the RFU still don't realise powerfully forward. "This wasn't perhaps the game that I played and revelled in — no subtlety, no local that is a vival — and it's logic that the RFU still don't realise it. The players do, all right. They've had to." And today at Twickenham

a fresh new team and a bright new captain attempt to put lar occasion. It showed that rancour in its place, lighten a the rugby itself, the to and fro darkness, lift the blinds and



signals on the northern line



David Lacey

GIL OLSEN has been at it again this week. Previously the gum-booted socialist philosopher who coaches Norway contented hiniself with criticising the England team for outmoded tactics. Now he in-sists that the Premiership is not all it is cracked up to be

Olsen has a strong vested interest in the health of English club football. A large proportion of his Norwegian squad play in our leagues and the attraction of the Premiership for some of Norway's best young players keeps growing. In the summer Manchester United mapped up Ole Sols-kjaer: Now Steffen Iversen, page : Now Steries Iversan, Rosenborg's outstanding 20-year-old striker, looks likely to join Spurs, Olsen is worried about the bad habits such players might pick up in what he regards as a sub-standard

tition compared to the

the world's most overrated league, that its managers and coaches lack the proper credentials, that not enough time is devoted to developing play-ers' skills and that, in general,

ignorance is bliss. Norwegian footballers who go to England, he claims, are apt to be lesser players when. they return home. According to Olsen, the English game still lags behind the rest of

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Europe and will continue to so while clubs assume the

Football Association's coach-ing guru whose belief in the direct approach, his critics would argue, did much to trap the English game in a long-ball straitjacket. Both Hughes and Olsen would deny that they are long-ball devotees but, since one of Olsen's more suc-cessful Norway teams based cessful Norway teams based its approach on high passes aimed at the head of Jostein Flo, it might be difficult for Premiership managers to ac-cept his latest condemnations. The truth, surely, is that with top-class Italian, Brazilian and French footballers following the trail to England blazed by players from Scan-dinavia, Holland, Argentina and the Balkans the Premier-

It should be remembered, however, that Olsen is a dis-ciple of Charles Hughes, the Pootball Association's coach

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ship is a world-ranking cast awaiting proper direction. Technically it is still not as accomplished as the leagues of Italy or Spain. But the Premiership is entertaining English crowds and foreign television audiences, Norway included, like they have never been entertained before.

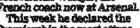
IVE years ago Brazil-ians in Middlesbrough would have been as likely as Shakeapeare

in Tombstone. Tyneside is atili drooling over Ginola's goals for Newcastle against Manchester United and Fer-encvaros. The spaghetti west-ern has come to Chelsea. Even Anglo-Saxon Arsenel have added Franch sophistication

to Dutch know how. Olsen is right to query the srchaic structure of much of English club football which, with the foreign influx inten sifying, needs properly qualified managers more than ever. But the public likes what it is seeing on the pitch, and so does Arsène Wenger, the

French coach now at Arsenal. This week he declared the Premiership the most attrac

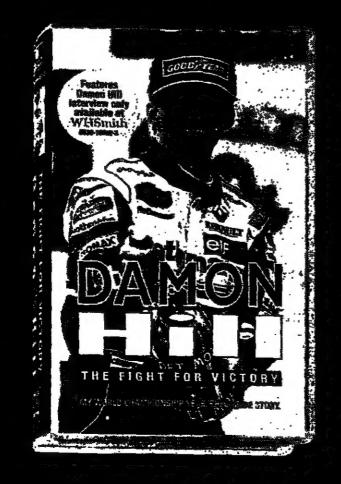
initional leagues of bay, France and Spain. While accepting that there are good teams in England, he argues that the Premiership is



Hiller said despairingly yes- | will force the administrators | and done, the play's the thing. | Golden promise ... the England squad do line-out drills at Bisham

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On the WHSmith video, Damon Hill takes an extra 14 minutes to finish.



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Cork out of Zimbabwe tour

DOMINIC CORK yesterday pulled out of England's cricket tour to Zimbabwe, day, on the second leg of the tour to New Zealand. "I have some personal matters that citing personal problems. The need to be resolved," he said. 25-year-old Derbyshire all-rounder recently split up with England's coach David Lloyd said Cork had the his wife team's full support.

Cork said he intends to join the team, who fly out on Mon-Full slory, page 20

the sole qualification for becoming a manager is to be a good player. For those who watched Manchester United being torn asunder on Wednesday night by the Italian, French and Croatian mix now making up the Joventus team the argument is extremely plausible. And since, both last season and this, Scandinavian sides have

lowered the colours of Liver-

tive league in the world "because there is more generosity and more commitment in every game, something you do not experience on the Continent." This will to win is infectious

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and, despite Olsen's stric-tures, not all English football-ing habits are bad. This weekend's Premiership attendances will youch for that.

